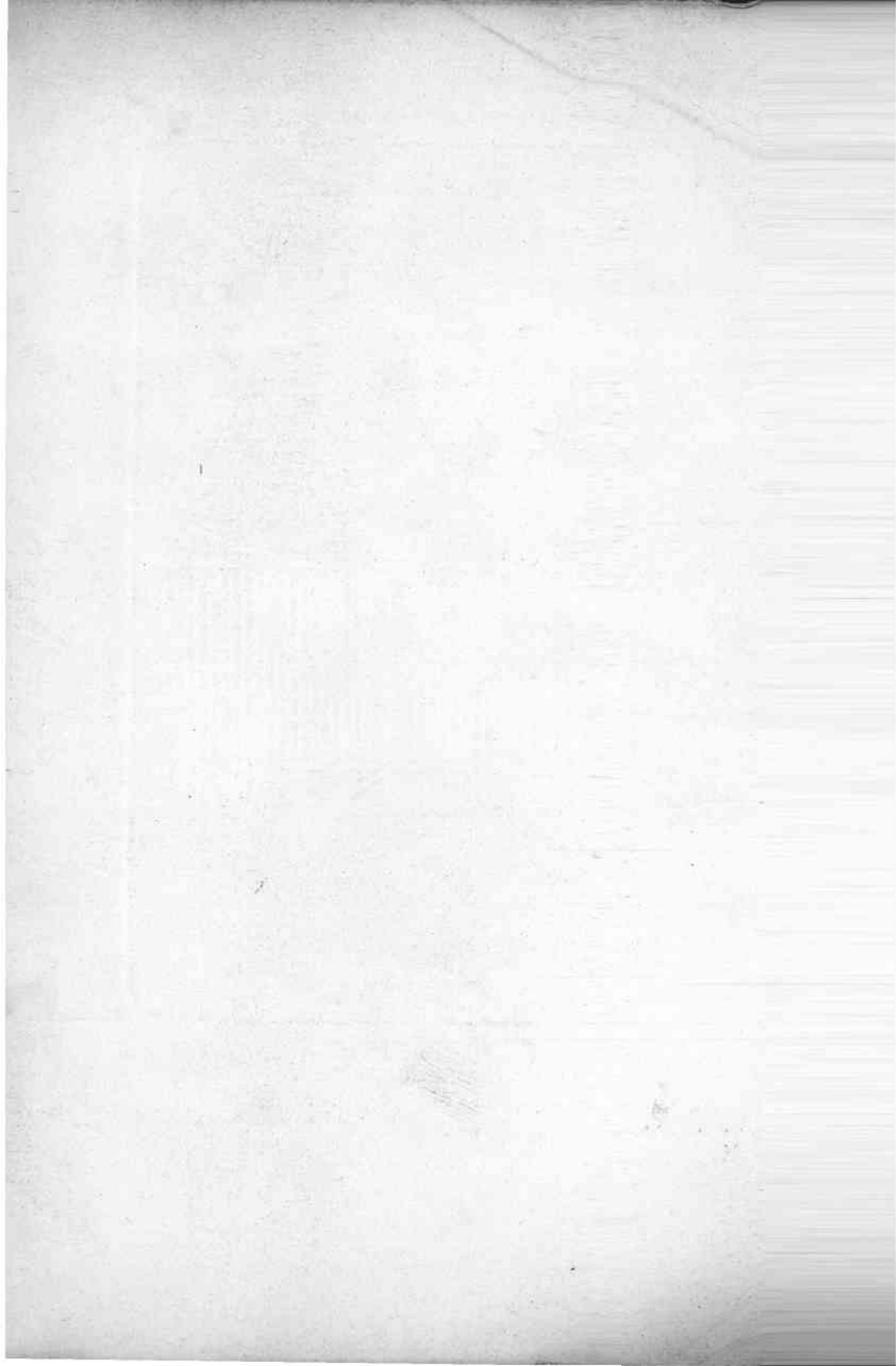






DENBURG,
MAYORS OF MINNESOTA,

PROCEEDINGS
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OF
MINNESOTA,

AT THE FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

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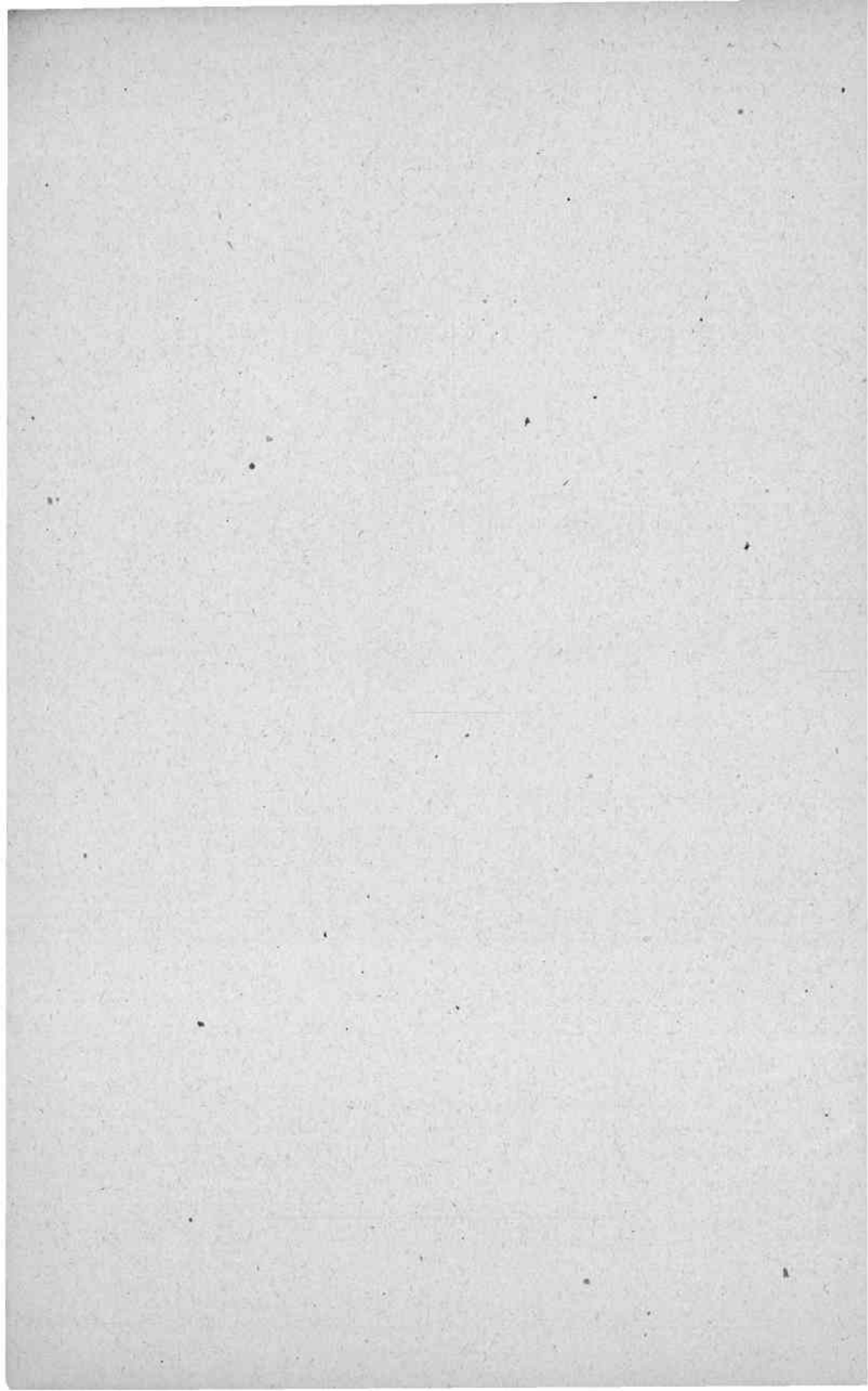
ST. PAUL, JANUARY 23 AND 24,

1901.

M.: W.: GIDEON S. IVES, St. Peter, Grand Master.
R.: W.: THOMAS MONTGOMERY, St. Paul, Grand Secretary.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL THE LODGES.

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FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

ST. PAUL, Wednesday, Jan. 23, 1901.

The forty-eighth annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Hall, on Fifth street, in the City of St. Paul, commencing at high twelve on Wednesday, Jan. 23, A. D. 1901, A. L. 5901.

All the Grand Officers were present except Bros. H. S. Doty, Junior Grand Steward, and Jean C. Fischer, Grand Tyler, who died during the year. Bro. Chas. J. Kruger was appointed Grand Tyler.

During the session 208 lodges were represented, out of 216 on the roll.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by Grand Master Brandenburg, after an earnest prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary appointed Bros. E. C. Shibley (191) and Chas. P. Montgomery (185) his assistants.

Visiting brethren were directed to occupy seats in the gallery.

RESOLUTION ON DEATH OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

Past Grand Master Henry A. Wells offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, and, on motion, it was voted to cable the same to the King of England at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota, in session, extends to His Majesty, the Grand Master of Masons of England the sympathies of the Free Masons of this Grand Jurisdiction, on account of the death of his mother, the Queen, loved and revered by the good of every land.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Credentials: Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary; Edwin H. Foot (8), and Thomas Morris (141).

A roll of all brethren entitled to seats having been prepared by the Grand Secretary, those present in person or by proxy were noted at the roll call, and the committee, after reporting, were continued, to make additions and corrections during the session. The following is their corrected report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that there are present fifteen Grand Officers, twenty permanent members, and 377 representatives of 208 out of 216 active chartered lodges, including eighty-two proxies, as follows:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Alonzo Brandenburg.....	M. W. Grand Master
A. D. Countryman.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master
Gid. S. Ives.....	R. W. Senior Grand Warden
Henry R. Adams.....	R. W. Junior Grand Warden
Joseph H. Thompson.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer
Thomas Montgomery.....	R. W. Grand Secretary
David T. Calhoun.....	W. Grand Orator
Ezra B. Chase.....	W. Grand Chaplain
W. A. McGonagle.....	W. Senior Grand Deacon
Henry M. Tusler.....	W. Junior Grand Deacon

Enoch Stott.....	W.'. Grand Marshal
F. B. Wood.....	W.'. Grand Standard Bearer
Chas. H. Sullivan.....	W.'. Grand Sword Bearer
J. H. Sprout.....	W.'. Senior Grand Steward
Henry A. Wells.....	W.'. Grand Pursuivant
Charles J. Kruger.....	W.'. Grand Tyler

PERMANENT MEMBERS.

Past Grand Masters—Charles Griswold, Edward W. Durant, Henry R. Wells, Henry R. Denny, Royal H. Gove, Wm.; F. Dickinson, Calvin L. Brown, Alonzo T. Stebbins.

Past Deputy Grand Masters—Wm. T. Rigby, James N. Castle, George H. Davis, Chas. L. West.

Past Senior Grand Wardens—Thos. J. Lombard, Samuel E. Adams, Samuel Y. Hyde, Edgar Nash.

Past Junior Grand Wardens—Edward P. Barnum, Henry C. Shepard, Wm. B. Patton, James D. Markham.

REPRESENTATIVES.

No. 1.	St. Johns.....	Horace W. Davis, S.'. W'.
		Ira E. King, proxy for J.'. W'.
2.	Cataract	George O. Voorhees, W.'. M'.
		Carl E. Van Cleve, proxy for S.'. W'.
3.	St. Paul.....	George R. Metcalf, W.'. M'.
		Luis G. Hoffman, S.'. W'.
		Albert B. Wood, J.'. W'.
4.	Hennepin	Henry Deutsch, W.'. M'.
		A. K. Norton, proxy for S.'. W'.
		T. V. Moreau, J.'. W'.
5.	Ancient Landmark..	John C. Bennett, W.'. M'.
		I. B. B. Sprague, proxy for S.'. W'.
		George C. Knispel, J.'. W'.
7.	Dakota	A. E. Johnson, W.'. M'.
		Irving Todd, proxy for S.'. W'.
8.	Red Wing.....	Edwin H. Foot, W.'. M'.
		Francis D. Putnam, J.'. W'.
9.	Faribault	F. E. Jenkins, W.'. M'.
		J. F. Lindeman, S.'. W'.
		Walter Birch, proxy for J.'. W'.
11.	Mantorville	J. E. Burdick, W.'. M'.
		Henry Booth, S.'. W'.
		W. E. Fryer, J.'. W'.
12.	Mankato	William F. Jewson, W.'. M'.
		Clark Keysor, proxy for S.'. W'.
14.	Wapahasa	M. W. Dady, W.'. M'.

16. MonticelloE. H. Sherwin, W. M.
17. HokahA. J. Snure, W. M.
S. J. Prentiss, proxy for, S. W.
18. WinonaO. M. Botsford, W. M.
W. J. Smith, S. W.
19. MinneapolisHenry Hahn, W. M.
E. L. Sawyer, S. W.
Horace M. Myers, proxy for J. W.
20. CaledoniaL. W. Emery, W. M.
F. A. Duxbury, J. W.
21. RochesterC. E. Callaghan, W. M.
22. Pleasant Grove.....Milton Page, S. W.
O. H. Page, proxy for J. W.
23. North Star.....John C. Munro, proxy for W. M.
24. WiltonH. E. Gates, W. M.
L. Schriber, J. W.
26. Western Star.....G. W. Geesey, W. M.
L. W. Spicer, proxy for S. W.
L. W. Spicer, J. W.
27. Blue Earth Valley...A. Milne, proxy for W. M.
28. Clear Water.....W. A. Shaw, W. M.
29. Morning Star.....Joseph Robillard, W. M.
30. AnokaOrange S. Miller, W. M.
Frank Hart, S. W.
31. King Hiram.....Barkley Varner, W. M.
32. SakatahC. H. Bliss, W. M.
L. L. Blair, S. W.
H. E. Blair, proxy for J. W.
33. Star in the East....C. J. Balch, W. M.
34. OrientalEdward A. Dibble, W. M.
Charles Lano, J. W.
35. Mount Moriah.....Axel Johnson, W. M.
A. M. Hayes, S. W.
36. PrestonK. W. Buell, W. M.
37. Mystic Tie.....W. W. Jewell, proxy for W. M.
38. WashingtonD. C. Smith, W. M.
Jesse Kirkland, S. W.
39. FidelityJohn H. Anderson, W. M.
John H. Robertson, S. W.
Calvin F. West, J. W.
40. CarnelianTheodore A. Carr, W. M.
R. A. W. McLeod, S. W.
Wm. J. Fladwed, J. W.
41. HermonJ. C. Powers, S. W.
E. Woodbury, proxy for J. W.
42. HopeM. C. Tift, proxy for W. M.
43. HarmonyO. W. Hunt, proxy for W. M.

44. King Solomon:.....Chas. G. Hinds, proxy for W.'. M'.
45. UnionD. D. Sykes, S.'. W'.
- E. F. Barrett, proxy for J.'. W'.
46. EvergreenR. J. Walker, J.'. W'.
47. ConcordMilton A. Hill, S.'. W'.
- J. H. Clark, J.'. W'.
48. SocialH. W. McChesney, proxy for W.'. M'.
- W. F. Manhart, S.'. W'.
- J. M. Jack, J.'. W'.
49. Rising Sun.....Chas. H. Robbins, W.'. M'.
50. WatertownC. G. Halgren, proxy for W.'. M'.
51. AcaciaIrving T. Morey, W.'. M'.
52. Cannon River.....W. L. Eddy, S.'. W'.
54. NicolletElmer E. Miller, S.'. W'.
55. ZionRolla E. Sevey, W.'. M'.
- Geo. W. Leske, S.'. W'.
56. MeridianW. A. Strafford, proxy for W.'. M'.
- E. W. Rossman, S.'. W'.
- Chas. L. Thurber, J.'. W'.
57. Blue Earth City....M. V. Carpenter, W.'. M'.
58. Spring Valley.....Benjamin F. Farmer, W.'. M'.
- G. M. Warren, proxy for S.'. W'.
59. TempleCarlos Avery, W.'. M'.
60. Star in the West...L. R. Barto, proxy for W.'. M'.
61. AshlerHarry E. Blair, W.'. M'.
62. StarF. H. Johnson, W.'. M'.
63. IllustriousGeo. F. Sylvester, W.'. M'.
- Augustus Smith, proxy for S.'. W'.
- George R. Hall, proxy for J.'. W'.
64. Chain Lake.....Malcolm Aldrich, W.'. M'.
65. Golden Rule.....Not represented.
66. MadeliaW. R. Estes, proxy for W.'. M'.
67. CorinthianE. L. Brackett, W.'. M'.
69. Mystic Star.....John Martin, W.'. M'.
- N. H. Tofsted, proxy for J.'. W'.
71. PaynesvilleHenry A. Wells, W.'. M'.
72. LansingNot represented.
73. BrownsvilleW. F. McCan, J.'. W'.
75. EurekaGeo. W. Palmer, W.'. M'.
- Frank E. Garner, S.'. W'.
76. JoppaW. A. Wilsie, W.'. M'.
- Lysander Cook, proxy for S.'. W'.
77. TuscanClarence C. Graham, S.'. W'.
78. Mystic Circle.....B. E. Lilly, proxy for W.'. M'.
79. PalestineS. O. Sterrett, proxy for W.'. M'.
- Wm. H. Hoyt, S.'. W'.
- S. O. Sterrett, proxy for J.'. W'.

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- 110. PickwickH. W. Stedman, W. M.
 - 111. CarverWm. H. Caspari, W. M.
Geo. Goetze, proxy for S. W.
 - 112. KhurumD. W. Knowlton, proxy for W. M.
Hugh B. Marchbank, S. W.
Geo. W. Stiles, J. W.
 - 113. ExcelsiorGeo. P. Dickinson, W. M.
John Thurston, S. W.
 - 114. Ben Franklin.....John Kelley, W. M.
L. L. Bryan, S. W.
 - 115. ElginWm. P. Holton, S. W.
 - 116. LafayetteD. L. Tanner, W. M.
G. W. Gray, proxy for S. W.
C. C. Erickson, proxy for J. W.
 - 117. GraniteNot represented.
 - 118. NewportJohn D. Carroll, W. M.
 - 119. DeltaW. A. Hawkins, S. W.
 - 121. Grand Meadow.....Geo. W. Day, S. W.
 - 122. KelloggE. J. Parker, W. M.
H. W. Canfield, proxy for S. W.
 - 123. PrairieJ. C. Peterson, S. W.
 - 124. JanesvilleD. J. Dodge, proxy for W. M.
F. H. Miner, proxy for J. W.
 - 125. Winslow Lewis.....Elmer Owen, W. M.
F. M. Libbey, proxy for S. W.
Thos. Phipps, proxy for J. W.
 - 126. MoorheadGeo. Sheffield, W. M.
 - 128. JosephusRobert Little, W. M.
Christian J. Laurich, J. W.
 - 129. SwiftW. R. Smith, W. M.
M. Romstad, S. W.
Arnold Olson, proxy for J. W.
 - 131. AlmaGustow Lenth, S. W.
 - 132. HumboldtChrist Hansen, W. M.
J. W. Truwe, J. W.
 - 133. Golden Sheaf.....Wm. P. Fowler, W. M.
Frank M. Helser, proxy for S. W.
Royal A. Stone, J. W.
 - 134. CokatoJohn A. Stenberg, W. M.
 - 135. NelsonW. W. Thompson, W. M.
 - 136. WalnutW. J. McDonald, W. M.
F. W. Damp, S. W.
 - 137. AppletonGeo. A. De Forest, W. M.
 - 138. OrionJames H. Strong, proxy for W. M.
Louis E. Covell, S. W.
 - 139. VerndaleE. A. Kling, W. M.

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140. Little Falls.....H. A. Rider, W. M.
 O. C. Trace, proxy for J. W.
 141. CrookstonThomas Morris, W. M.
 142. CurrieNeil Currie, W. M.
 143. Lake ViewHayden French, proxy for W. M.
 144. Bird Island.....Levi E. Sherwood, W. M.
 145. MelroseW. B. Whitney, W. M.
 146. BentonChas. E. Farrar, S. W.
 147. CanbyT. F. McKey, W. M.
 J. P. Lester, proxy for J. W.
 148. QuarryC. W. Gilmore, W. M.
 Geo. W. Nash, proxy for S. W.
 Chas. H. Smith, J. W.
 149. GuardianHenry W. Buck, S. W.
 150. WarrenW. A. Wallace, W. M.
 151. ChaskaW. C. Odell, W. M.
 152. FrontierC. P. Fenstermaker, W. M.
 W. M. James, proxy for J. W.
 153. KodahyaW. H. Carter, proxy for W. M.
 Lowell C. Bigelow, S. W.
 Wm. R. Getman, J. W.
 154. NormanPeter Sharpe, W. M.
 155. TracyWm. D. Haycock, J. W.
 156. WadenaWarren E. Parker, W. M.
 John Liddell, J. W.
 157. PerhamJohn Prichett, W. M.
 L. E. Davison, S. W.
 158. HectorGeo. F. Bartlett, W. M.
 159. Long Prairie.....F. R. Harrison, S. W.
 160. PlymouthP. M. Hall, W. M.
 J. W. Howell, S. W.
 161. SincerityW. R. Holly, W. M.
 162. Prescott.....A. Waters Wells, W. M.
 163. SummitHenry M. Tusler, W. M.
 164. JasperHerman R. Berg, W. M.
 A. J. Stowe, proxy for J. W.
 165. MinnehahaA. A. Baker, S. W.
 166. GarnetFrank J. Reif, W. M.
 Daniel R. Ivett, S. W.
 E. L. Fales, proxy for J. W.
 167. AgateW. D. Cross, W. M.
 168. BradenGeorge Brookins, proxy for W. M.
 Chas. A. Van Slyke, S. W.
 S. S. Hesselgrave, J. W.
 169. PiersonO. J. Aamodt, J. W.
 170. FuldaJesse A. Maxwell, W. M.

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171. Shekinah Willis A. Daratt, W. M.
Herbert P. Porter, S. W.
John B. Sackett, J. W.
172. Marietta H. M. Griffin, S. W.
173. Plumb Line Carlton E. Kimble, W. M.
174. Valley W. J. Wilson, W. M.
175. Roman Eagle Clarence Swanman, W. M.
A. O. Hendricks, proxy for S. W.
E. J. Jones, J. W.
176. Ark Robert J. Gault, W. M.
Harry B. Lake, S. W.
Wm. A. Elliott, proxy for J. W.
177. Rough Ashlar Not represented.
178. Anchor Jewett N. Carnes, W. M.
Ernest A. Boutwell, S. W.
Chas. F. Conner, J. W.
179. King David D. L. Owens, W. M.
O. C. Enge, J. W.
180. Osakis Knute Swore, W. M.
181. Dalles Albert E. Quinn, S. W.
182. Fair Haven L. R. Ritchie, S. W.
184. Shell L. H. Rice, W. M.
F. W. Rossman, S. W.
185. Midway Chas. P. Montgomery, W. M.
W. H. Turner, S. W.
186. Ionic Burr Porter, W. M.
Clyde W. Stilson, S. W.
Harry A. Hall, J. W.
187. Arcana Dan C. Brown, W. M.
H. A. Sauer, proxy for S. W.
D. H. Ring, proxy for J. W.
188. Fortitude H. L. Holden, W. M.
L. H. Bryan, J. W.
189. Traverse John T. Erickson, S. W.
190. Triune Ed. A. Paradis, proxy for W. M.
Harry L. Burrill, S. W.
191. Mizpah Arthur D. Moe, W. M.
Elbert C. Shibley, proxy for S. W.
192. Crow River Alex. Ridgway, W. M.
193. Amboy C. S. Lattin, S. W.
194. Canton Ole Larson, W. M.
195. Renville Jens L. Christianson, W. M.
M. L. Hassinger, S. W.
196. Geneva Wm. H. Coon, W. M.
197. Vermillion Not represented.
198. Euclid David Graham, W. M.
L. A. Barnes, proxy for S. W.

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199. Murray Robert B. Forrest, S. W.
 200. Zenith A. Fredrickson, W. M.
 E. Altematt, J. W.
 201. Kenyon J. A. Gates, W. M.
 202. Atelier Chas. H. Sullivan, W. M.
 203. Stewartville Truman B. Horton, W. M.
 F. M. Parks, proxy for S. W.
 Ralph W. Whitney, J. W.
 204. St. Elmo G. W. Vickerman, W. M.
 Geo. H. Carr, proxy for S. W.
 205. Wayzata W. S. Frear, W. M.
 E. B. Sanders, S. W.
 206. Fosston Not represented.
 207. Crescent Perry O. Bean, W. M.
 John Pettingill, J. W.
 208. Itasca Oscar L. Mather, W. M.
 209. Sibley J. A. E. Johnson, W. M.
 Frank Hagberg, proxy for S. W.
 210. Columbian John L. Gessell, W. M.
 Le Roy Brown, proxy for J. W.
 211. Friendship Edward C. Baird, W. M.
 212. Hallock John H. Shaw, W. M.
 213. Mystic Geo. T. Williams, W. M.
 Carlton Graves, J. W.
 214. Evansville O. A. Felt, proxy for W. M.
 P. J. Wrangelborg, S. W.
 215. Argyle Thos. T. Clark, W. M.
 James Foreman, S. W.
 Wm. Cuthill, proxy for J. W.
 216. Florence Erick Johnson, W. M.
 217. Capital City Eugene W. McCord, W. M.
 Chas. Mitchell, S. W.
 218. Griswold E. E. McGrew, W. M.
 219. Mt. Hermon F. Wilcox, W. M.
 220. Olivia J. M. Peckinpough, W. M.
 George H. Baker, S. W.
 221. Equity L. McKechnie, W. M.
 222. Elysian Not represented.
 223. Mora Hugh B. Gorham, W. M.
 Newton H. Danforth, J. W.
 224. Minnesota Harvey Ricker, proxy for W. M.
 Joseph H. Johnson, S. W.
 Harry G. Carter, J. W.
 225. Justice A. J. Weldon, W. M.
 226. Lincoln James H. Ward, W. M.
 227. Park-Region John P. Anderson, S. W.
 228. Vernon Center J. D. Blanchard, W. M.

229. Stewart Allan H. Wilson, W. M.
 230. Alpha Wm. Anderson, W. M.
 231. Magnolia M. M. Jenkins, J. W.
 232. Chisago E. M. Dahlby, W. M.

We also report the following Grand Representatives present:

A. Brandenburg.....for Alabama and Michigan
 Thos. J. Lombard.....for Arizona
 Wm. F. Dickinson.....for California
 Edward W. Durant.....for Canada
 Thos. Montgomery.....for Colorado, Ireland and Scotland
 Chas. Griswold.....for Connecticut
 Henry R. Denny.....for Delaware
 James D. Markham.....for District of Columbia
 Edward P. Barnum.....for Florida, Idaho and South Australia
 Wm. B. Patton.....for Georgia
 Alonzo T. Stebbins.....for Illinois and Prince Edward Island
 Royal H. Gove.....for Indian Territory and Utah
 Calvin L. Brown.....for Kansas
 Henry C. Shepard.....for Manitoba
 Henry R. Wells.....for Mississippi, North and South Dakota
 A. D. Countryman.....for Montana
 James N. Castle.....for New Brunswick and Quebec
 Joseph H. Thompson.....for New Jersey
 Charles G. Hinds.....for New Mexico
 Henry M. Tusler.....for New South Wales
 I. B. B. Sprague.....for North Carolina
 William T. Rigby.....for Ohio
 Gideon S. Ives.....for Oregon
 Henry R. Adams.....for Rhode Island
 Irving Todd.....for South Carolina
 William A. Elliott.....for Tasmania
 Samuel E. Adams.....for Vermont
 Edgar Nash.....for Virginia
 Thomas Morris.....for Washington
 Chas. L. West.....for West Virginia
 George H. Davis.....for Wisconsin

THOS. MONTGOMERY,
 EDWIN H. FOOT,
 THOMAS MORRIS,

Committee.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment
 until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Wednesday, Jan. 23, 1901.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 3 p. m. Officers as before.

Grand Master Brandenburg announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

ON ADDRESS OF GRAND MASTER.

A. D. Countryman (137), Wm. Anderson (230), O. S. Miller (30),

FINANCE.

David Graham (198), L. E. Davison (157), E. L. Ford (86).

JURISPRUDENCE.

Past Grand Masters Wells, Denny, Griswold, Durant and Stebbins.

ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

S. E. Adams (19), Geo. R. Metcalf (3), J. C. Bennett (5), B. F. Farmer (58), E. P. Barnum (60).

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

J. H. Sprout (57), D. W. Knowlton (112), E. F. Barrett (45), John H. Anderson (39).

APPROPRIATIONS.

O. M. Botsford (18), E. W. McCord (217), L. R. Barto (60).

LODGES U. D.

E. W. Rossman (56), Geo. H. Davis (100), W. C. Odell (151), W. B. Mitson (81), W. A. Daratt (171).

PAY ROLL.

J. H. Thompson (19), J. M. Rowley (21), W. R. Caswell (91).

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

C. W. Gilmore (148), C. Wackman (106).

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

John D. Carroll (118), W. W. Wall (102), E. E. Miller (54).

Grand Master Brandenburg then read the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

"Again the silent wheels of time
Their annual round have run."

We have passed another link in our homeward journey to that house not made with hands. The year has gone, and another has just broken into light. In looking over the past, have we seen a brother struggling under a burden which he was unable to bear and turned from him without giving him the assistance we should have given? Have we turned a deaf ear to the wants, and passed heedlessly by as we heard the call of the widow and orphan? If we have, we have not lived and acted according to the teachings of Masonry. Have we done those things we ought not to have done, and left undone those things we ought to have done? Have we said one kind word to cheer the fatherless on their lonely way? Have we fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and bound up the wounds of the afflicted? Have we been slow to anger and ready to forgive? Have we stayed the footsteps of an erring brother, and warned him of approaching danger? Have we labored in the vineyard, as the Grand Master would have us labor? Have we followed the teachings of that great light in Masonry,—that book that points out the whole duty of man? If we have,—“When the eyes grow dim and are closed,” and the lips stammer and cease to speak, and the pulses stop their beating, that wise Judge, whose all-seeing eye the sun, moon and stars obey, and under whose watchful care even the comets perform their stupendous revolutions, will greet us on the other shore with “Well done, enter into the higher lodge above.”

"Our mission is to give
An arm of aid to the weak,
A friendly hand to the friendless;
Kind works so short to speak,
But whose echo is endless,
The world is wide, these things are small—
They may be nothing, but they may be all."

In laying before you my official acts as your Grand Master during the recess of the Grand Lodge, I am happy to report that in every part of this Grand Jurisdiction peace and harmony prevails; that our altar fires are brightly burning, and the lessons which they teach are bringing forth good fruit.

In proceeding with this part of my duty, I wish to call your attention to the following which I deem important:

DUTY OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I wish to remind the representatives of lodges that they are here for a purpose. Mileage and per diem are paid to one representative present from each Lodge, and the Grand Lodge is entitled to your time and service until the end of the session. That we have needed your assistance has been called forcibly to my mind many times, especially at our last annual communication, when the report of the Committee on Dissemination of the Work came up at the evening session, just before the close of Grand Lodge. If a call of the roll had been made we would have found ourselves with only a minority of the lodges represented. We want the benefit of the best thought of all of you, my brethren; we want you here during the whole of the session, from the time the Grand Lodge is opened until its close. Then we shall not be compelled to lay over any work to the next session of the Grand Lodge which ought to be done at the present one. As it was, the report of said committee, as amended, was laid over to this session, and should be taken up and disposed of at as early an hour as practicable.

GRAND LODGE PROCEEDINGS.

I deem it proper to urge upon the Worshipful Masters of the several lodges a compliance with the resolution of the Grand Lodge, requiring them to cause to be read to their lodges the proceedings of the Grand Lodge as they are annually received. The resolution was passed that the officers and members of lodges might not be in ignorance of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. In addition, if universally complied with, the Master and brethren would thus save much work for the Grand Master, replying to enquiries and referring them to the rulings of the Grand Lodge. I have seen some of our printed proceedings lying on secretaries' desks looking as new as when they came from the printer. This is not as it should be, my brethren.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Nothing has arisen during the past year to mar the friendly and fraternal relations which have existed for many years between us and other Grand Lodges. We are Masonically at peace with all the world, and Masonry seems to be prosperous in all sister jurisdictions.

The following named brethren have been commissioned by me during the year as our Grand Representatives near their respective Grand Lodges:

Arkansas—R. W. Bro. S. T. Rowe of Greenwood, August 10th.

Illinois—R. W. Bro. William Johnson of Chicago, November 13th.

Kansas—R. W. Bro. John C. Frey of Larned, October 27th.

Nevada—R. W. Bro. R. A. Bulmer of Virginia, September 7th.

South Dakota—R. W. Bro. O. C. Berg of Redfield, November 13th.

Washington—M. W. Bro. James E. Edmiston of Dayton, March 6th.

On May 9th M. W. Bro. Edmiston died and on May 30, 1900, upon the request of the M. W. Grand Master of Washington, a commission was sent to M. W. Bro. Joseph A. Kuhn of Port Townsend as our representative to fill the vacancy.

There have been commissioned as Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge during the year the following brethren, viz.:

W. Bro. Sheldon L. Frazer of Duluth, for Arkansas, August 14th.

W. Bro. John H. Abbott of Minneapolis, for Maryland, January 20th.

W. Bro. Thomas Morris of Crookston, for Washington, March 10th.

These brothers have received their commissions, and will be given an opportunity to present them in due time for their official reception during this session.

LODGES CONSTITUTED.

The lodges that were granted charters by the Grand Lodge at its last annual communication were duly constituted as follows:

On January 27th I duly constituted Park Region Lodge, No. 227, assisted by Bro. A. W. Wells as Deputy Grand Master, M. T. McMahon as Senior Grand Warden, J. T. Johnson as Junior Grand Warden, and brethren from Herman, Glenwood and Evansville, and installed their officers. The brethren have a fairly good hall, and are well equipped and well officered. A banquet followed.

On Feb. 1, 1900, I duly constituted Vernon Center Lodge, No. 228, assisted by Bro. J. P. Emerson as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. S. Wilson as Senior Grand Warden, W. D. Sprague as Junior Grand Warden and brethren from Mankato, Good Thunder, Amboy, Mapleton and elsewhere, and installed their officers. A banquet followed,

of which we all partook. The good brethren of Vernon Center had plans for a new hall when I was there, with all the needed anterooms, banquet hall, parlors, etc. Since that time they have completed and moved into the same, and are now at home to all brethren of this and other jurisdictions.

On April 4th I duly constituted Alpha Lodge, No. 230, assisted by Bro. J. Pierce Wolf as Deputy Grand Master, J. T. Johnson as Senior Grand Warden, A. C. Gerber as Junior Grand Warden and other brethren from Ada, and installed their officers, after which the third degree was conferred by W. Master Anderson and his efficient corps of officers. The work was well done, and the lodge is well equipped. The banquet following was well attended.

On February 9th Stewart Lodge, No. 229, was duly constituted by R. W. Bro. A. D. Countryman, Deputy Grand Master, acting as my proxy, assisted by brethren from surrounding lodges. The officers were duly installed. The ladies of the members furnished a banquet. Brother Countryman reports the lodge well situated, having a good corps of officers, and prospects bright.

On February 15th Magnolia Lodge, No. 231, was duly constituted by Bro. J. H. Sprout, District Deputy Grand Master, acting as my proxy, assisted by Bro. M. V. Carpenter as Senior Grand Warden, W. D. Richards as Junior Grand Warden, and brethren from adjacent lodges. Brother Sprout installed the officers, the installation being followed by a banquet, after which the brethren again repaired to the hall, and the second degree was conferred upon a duly qualified brother. Magnolia Lodge has bright prospects.

On March 3d Chisago Lodge, No. 232, was duly constituted and officers installed by R. W. Bro. Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, acting as my proxy, assisted by R. W. Bro. Markham, Past Junior Grand Warden, and other brethren from Jasper Lodge, No. 164, after which Brother Dahlby, Worshipful Master, conferred the third degree, assisted by his officers, in a very creditable manner. After lodge closed a banquet was served. Chisago starts off under the most flattering auspices.

DISPENSATION FOR NEW LODGES.

Dispensations for new lodges have been granted as follows:

Jan. 30, 1900, to Bemidji Lodge, U. D., at Bemidji, Beltrami county, with Bros. Frank Carson as Worshipful Master, Frank E. Dudley as Senior Warden, and Jay L. Reynolds as Junior Warden.

April 20, 1900, to Sandstone Lodge, U. D., at Sandstone, Pine county, with Bros. Duke W. Cowan as Worshipful Master, William Aiken as Senior Warden, and Sherman H. Brownlee as Junior Warden.

May 3, 1900, to Edgerton Lodge, U. D., at Edgerton, Pipestone county, with Bros. Arnold Pilling as Worshipful Master, F. E. Douty as Senior Warden and Henry Ter Haar as Junior Warden.

Oct. 13, 1900, to Northern Lodge, U. D., at Thief River Falls, Red Lake county, with Bros. Chas. E. Winslow as Worshipful Master, C. L. Dobner as Senior Warden, and James Rogers as Junior Warden.

Oct. 15, 1900, to Albert Pike Lodge, U. D., at Hopkins, Hennepin county, with Bros. S. S. Kilvington as Worshipful Master, H. M. Peterson as Senior Warden, and Albert H. Nash as Junior Warden. The latter lodge was granted a dispensation, upon the recommendations of Wayzata Lodge, No. 205, the Junior Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, District Deputy Grand Master, Custodian Knowlton and other brethren. The brethren of these lodges will undoubtedly present their work for inspection, and if found in all respects satisfactory I recommend that charters be granted them.

There have been several other inquiries about starting new lodges, but in each case I have written the brethren showing them the necessity of laying their foundation upon a solid basis before submitting a formal petition, believing it to be better to build for the future. I have been careful to investigate all cases, realizing that there are very serious mistakes often made in granting charters to lodges which may live but for a short time and then pass out of existence.

CORNER STONES LAID.

On August 27, 1900, by invitation of the Masonic fraternity of Rochester, assisted by W. Bro. B. F. Farmer as Deputy Grand Master, M. W. Bro. A. T. Stebbins as Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. H. R. Adams, Junior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, R. W. Bro. Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Henry M. Tusler, Junior Grand Deacon, and W. Bro. J. A. Leonard as Grand Marshall, I laid the corner stone of Rochester Lodge hall, in the city of Rochester, in accordance with our time honored usages. Rev. Bro. Jas. S. Montgomery of Minneapolis delivered an eloquent and instructive oration, which was listened to with marked attention by all. The Grand Lodge was escorted by Home Commandery, No. 5, Knights Templar, and Rochester Lodge, No. 21, together with brethren from the lodges of the surrounding country, led by a band of music. The arrangements were most complete, and the procession a long and imposing one. The brethren of Rochester are to be congratulated upon their enterprise. In the evening Rochester Lodge conferred the Entered Apprentice degree, after which light refreshments were served. We all spent an enjoyable and profitable evening.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS APPROVED AND DISAPPROVED.

On Jan. 19, 1900, I approved the amended by-laws of Corner Stone Lodge, No. 99, changing the times of meeting from two to one stated communication per month.

Approved the by-laws of Union Lodge, No. 45, at Le Sueur, Feb. 2, 1900.

Approved the amended by-laws of North Star Lodge, No. 23, at St. Cloud, changing the hour of meeting.

The by-laws of Park Region Lodge, No. 227, at Elbow Lake, were approved March 3, 1900.

One section in a code of by-laws read as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Master or one of the Wardens to visit such sick brother, and if he deems it necessary, or the sick brother requests it, one or two members of the lodge shall be detailed by the Master to sit up with him each night. Any member refusing or neglecting to render such service demanded, or to furnish a substitute, shall be liable to such punishment as the lodge may vote to inflict." Last part disapproved, as not in accordance with Masonic law and usage.

March 16, 1900, approved by-laws of Chisago Lodge, No. 232.

April 15th approved by-laws of Stewart Lodge, No. 231.

April 20th approved amendment to by-laws of Union Lodge, No.

45.

May 4th approved amendment to by-laws of Mantorville Lodge, No. 11.

May 7th approved amended by-laws of Wadena Lodge, No. 156, reducing yearly dues from four to three dollars per year.

May 26th approved by-laws of Alpha Lodge, No. 230.

June 29th approved amended by-laws of Western Star Lodge, No. 26, striking out sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, of article 8, in reference to life membership.

September 25th approved amended by-laws of Rochester Lodge, No. 21.

October 10th approved amended by-laws of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5.

October 20th approved by-laws of Prudence Lodge, No. 97.

October 19th approved by-laws of Melrose Lodge, No. 145.

November 28th approved by-laws of Vernon Center Lodge, No. 228, and December 31st an amendment thereto, changing the hour of meeting.

Jan. 10th, 1901, approved amendment to by-laws of Star in the West Lodge, No. 60, changing annual dues from fifty to seventy-five cents per quarter, and dues in regard to honorary membership.

January 21st approved new by-laws of Howard Lodge, No. 82.

RELIEF.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge the sum of \$100 was voted for the relief of Bro. Thos. Foltz of Howard Lodge, No. 82. On June 21st the Worshipful Master informed me that the fund for the relief of Brother Foltz had not been used, or any portion thereof, and very likely would not be, and asked that I allow them to use a part of the fund for the relief of Brother Luddington, who was a worthy and needy brother. Knowing that it would require the affirmative action of the Grand Lodge to allow the money appropriated for the relief of

Brother Foltz to be used to aid another brother, after considering the matter, and believing in the statement of the Worshipful Master, I wrote him he could use twenty-five dollars of the fund for the relief of Brother Luddington, making full report to this communication of the Grand Lodge. I trust the Grand Lodge will approve my action in this respect.

On Oct. 10, 1900, I received a letter from the Grand Secretary, inclosing one from Past Grand Master Lawless, asking relief for an old brother, a member of Excelsior Lodge, No. 113, who was then located at Seattle, Wash. The Grand Lodge having never paid out any of its funds for relief, except at the session of the Grand Lodge, after a claim had been filed and allowed by the Grand Lodge, the only way I could see to relieve the brother from Grand Lodge funds was under section 41 of the Constitution. This never having been done by any Grand Master, I did not feel like taking the responsibility of issuing an order. Brother Montgomery requested Brother Lawless to look up the matter of the brother's necessities at once, but before his letter was received the brother had passed to the great beyond.

FIRES.

On the nineteenth day of April, 1900, the hall of Cannon River Lodge, No. 52, at Morristown, was destroyed by fire, and charter burned. No insurance.

On the morning of May 13, 1900, the hall of Verndale Lodge, No. 139, at Verndale, was entirely destroyed by fire, together with all furniture, books and charter. Insurance, \$300.

On July 6, 1900, the hall and all its contents, including charter, of Kodahya Lodge, No. 153, at Browns Valley, was destroyed by fire. Insurance, \$200.

I issued dispensations to these lodges to continue work until this session of the Grand Lodge.

I recommend that duplicate charters be issued to these lodges without fee.

LODGES DEDICATED.

On Aug. 23, 1900, accompanied by R. W. Bro. E. Stott, Grand Marshal, assisted by competent local brethren, I dedicated the new hall of Canton Lodge, No. 194, at Canton. The lodges of that section were well represented. The brethren of Canton are to be congratulated upon their zeal in the erection of a home of such beauty and elegance. After the hall had been dedicated and lodge closed, a delightful banquet, furnished by the ladies of the Eastern Star, was served in the banquet room, and a very pleasant hour was enjoyed by all, after which we again repaired to the hall, where we listened to music and song furnished by the ladies. Long live Canton Lodge! was the wish of all.

On Nov. 16, 1900, assisted by R. W. Bro. Henry M. Tusler, Junior Grand Deacon, as Deputy Grand Master, Bro. F. B. Wood, Grand Sword Bearer, as Senior Grand Warden, Bro. A. C. Page as Junior Grand Warden, and other brethren, I dedicated the hall of Lafayette Lodge, No. 116, Brownsdale. The building had just been completed; the rooms are spacious, conveniently arranged, and fairly well furnished; the arrangement affords every facility for both labor and refreshment. The brethren of Brownsdale have reason to rejoice at their prosperity. The sacrifices they have made in the past bear fruit in the present. An excellent oration was delivered by Bro. A. Wright of Austin, in the hall. Instructive addresses were made by Brothers Tusler, Somerville, Wood and others, after which we repaired to an enjoyable banquet. Afterwards all who wished were invited to trip the light fantastic toe. We shall long remember the occasion. My thanks are due to all the brethren who so ably assisted me.

On Dec. 5, 1900, assisted by R. W. Bro. Countryman, Deputy Grand Master, and local brethren, I dedicated the Masonic Hall of Traverse Lodge, No. 189, at Wheaton, in ample form. The skill and fidelity displayed by Traverse Lodge is truly commendable. They have bought and equipped a beautiful Masonic home. After the dedication the ladies of the Eastern Star set before the brethren a banquet suitable for a king, to which each and every brother did ample justice. After filling the inner man we again repaired to the lodge room, and enjoyed ourselves for an hour or more, when from the banquet room down stairs came wafted up to us the sweet strains of music. The ladies and brethren present could not resist the temptations of the dance. All spent an enjoyable evening which will be long remembered.

On the seventeenth day of January, accompanied by R. W. Bro. A. D. Countryman, Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. G. S. Ives, Senior Grand Warden, R. W. Bro. Henry M. Tusler, Junior Grand Deacon, and assisted by competent local brethren, I dedicated the hall of Rochester Lodge, No. 21, at Rochester. The various lodges adjacent thereto were well represented upon the occasion. The brethren of Rochester are to be congratulated upon the possession of a hall of such elegance and convenience. Commencing to remove the rubbish from the site in July, laying the corner-stone in August, and completing the building, and having the hall dedicated to Masonic purposes upon the above date, demonstrates the fact that the brethren of Rochester have the push and energy to accomplish whatever they undertake. Rev. Bro. James S. Montgomery of Minneapolis delivered the oration. We all had a grand time. The brethren left nothing undone that should have been done.

VISITATIONS.

On March 1st, I visited Crescent Lodge, No. 207, at Staples. They had no work, but the evening was spent very pleasantly, with friendly talk, and I think to the benefit of all.

March 24, 1900, accompanied by Brothers McMahon, Johnson and Butler of Corner Stone Lodge, No. 99, I visited Perham Lodge, No. 157, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree in a very creditable manner. Visiting brethren from Wadena and Detroit helped to swell the numbers, after which a sumptuous banquet was served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. It was well into the morning before the good brethren of Perham would permit us to leave the hall for our hotel. The officers are well posted.

April 3, 1900, accompanied by Brother Johnson, I visited Moorhead Lodge, No. 126. No work; we had a good time. The brethren of Moorhead Lodge are taking a more active interest in Masonry than in years gone by.

May 14, 1900, I visited Mt. Tabor Lodge, No. 106, at Detroit. Work in the third degree was well done by J. Alston Nottage, D. D., Grand Master, who was Worshipful Master, ably aided by his corps of officers. We were so much banqueted that we came near missing our train for home.

June 23, 1900, I visited Winona Lodge, No. 18, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree. It goes without saying that Winona is excelled by no lodge in this jurisdiction for good work. The brethren, as they always have been, are alive to the interests of Masonry and take great pride therein, as was manifest by the number present,—over three hundred.

On Sept. 28, 1900, I visited Shekinah Lodge, No. 171, accompanied by Bro. John Heine of Perham Lodge. Bro. Chas. S. Schurman, Worshipful Master, held the gavel, and had the work well in hand. I was especially pleased to meet the brethren of West St. Paul in their Masonic home, as the Worshipful Master informed me that that was the first official visit ever paid Shekinah by any Grand Master of this jurisdiction. Very sorry I was compelled to part with the brethren before they had entirely completed their work, but railroad trains, like time, wait for no one.

On Dec. 17, 1900, I officially visited Corner Stone Lodge, No. 99, and installed the newly-elected and appointive officers.

On December 21, 1900, I visited Wadena Lodge, No. 156, and witnessed the conferring of the third degree by Worshipful Master Miller. The work was well nigh perfect, and the brethren of Wadena are to be congratulated on their proficiency. The usual banquet was provided, to which all the brethren did ample justice.

In every lodge visited during the year the honors due your Grand Master have been generously tendered, and the courtesies and kindness shown him will ever be treasured as among the pleasantest. They will ever be green in memory.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS ISSUED.

On February 3, 1900, I issued a dispensation to Dakota Lodge, No. 7, to elect a treasurer. Vacancy caused by death of former treasurer.

March 6, 1900, granted dispensation to Excelsior Lodge, No. 113, to receive, refer and ballot upon the petition of a brother for membership on March 10th, due notice to be given to all their members.

March 19, 1900, granted a dispensation to Union Lodge, No. 45, to elect a treasurer on April 3d, the treasurer-elect refusing to be installed; due notice to be given.

March 20, 1900, for good and sufficient cause, granted a dispensation to St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, to pass more than five candidates to the degree of Fellow Craft, on March 23d.

March 29, 1900, granted a dispensation to a certain lodge in this jurisdiction to heal six candidates upon which they had conferred the Entered Apprentice degree March 5th, and Fellow Craft degree March 19th, unlawfully. I wrote the Worshipful Master that the only excuse for his doing this kind of work must be ignorance of the law, and advised him to get the constitution and study it. On May 7th I received a letter from the Worshipful Master of said lodge, stating he had healed the six candidates according to my instructions. I granted this dispensation not to accommodate the Worshipful Master, but the six brethren who had received the degrees, for they were certainly not to blame.

April 7, 1900, a dispensation was granted to Oriental Lodge, No. 34, to attend divine service on April 15th,—Easter Sunday.

April 16, 1900, a dispensation was granted to Crookston Lodge, No. 141, to confer the Fellow Craft degree upon more than five candidates at the stated communication,—April 17th.

March 23, 1900, for good and sufficient cause, as it seemed to me, I issued a dispensation to Bemidji Lodge, U. L. D., to confer on a brother the degree of Master Mason before he was fully posted in the Fellow Craft degree.

May 8, 1900, I granted a dispensation to Crookston Lodge, No. 141, to confer the third degree upon more than five candidates, on May 11th.

May 29, 1900, a dispensation was issued to Traverse Lodge, No. 189, to move into their new building.

June 18, 1900, a dispensation was granted to Benton Lodge, No. 146, to attend divine service on June 24th,—St. John's Day.

Aug. 9, 1900, a dispensation was granted Vernon Center Lodge, No. 228, to move into their new hall.

Aug. 29, 1900, a dispensation was granted to Lafayette Lodge, No. 116, permitting them to move into their new hall.

Nov. 28, 1900, I granted a dispensation to Little Falls Lodge, No. 140, to hold their election of officers on Dec. 11, 1900.

Dec. 7, 1900, I granted a dispensation to Aurora Lodge, No. 100, to hold their election on Dec. 11, 1900.

Dec. 13, 1900, I granted a dispensation to Faribault Lodge, No. 9, to hold an election Dec. 19, 1900, to fill the Master's chair, the Master-elect being absent on the night of election, and afterwards refusing

to be installed. I also made this dispensation cover vacancies which might be created by election of another Master.

Dec. 22, 1900, upon the request of the Worshipful Master of Fidelity Lodge, No. 39, I issued a dispensation for the lodge to attend divine service, in observance of St. John's Day, at the Episcopal church in the city of Austin.

Dec. 30, 1900, I granted a dispensation to Plumblin Lodge, No. 173, to hold a special election to elect a Treasurer, the one elected refusing to be installed.

Dec. 30, 1900, I granted a dispensation to Ben Franklin Lodge, No. 114, to hold their installation of officers on Jan. 2, 1901, they failing to get a quorum on their regular night for installation.

Jan. 15, 1901, I granted a dispensation to Winslow Lewis Lodge, No. 125, to elect and install a Worshipful Master on Jan. 22, 1901, the Master-elect refusing to be installed; also, made this dispensation cover any vacancies which might arise in the election of Master.

Jan. 12, 1901, a dispensation was granted to Murray Lodge, No. 199, to move into their new hall.

Jan. 14, 1901, a dispensation was granted Norman Lodge, No. 154, to elect a secretary, the one elected on their regular night of election refusing to be installed.

Jan. 3, 1901, I issued a dispensation to Quarry Lodge, No. 148, to hold an election and install the officers elected on Jan. 7, 1901, some of the officers elected at their stated meeting in December refusing to be installed.

Jan. 8, 1901, I issued a dispensation to Midway Lodge, No. 185, to install officers on Jan. 11, 1901, they having failed to install same within the time prescribed.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED.

May 28, 1900, I refused to grant a dispensation to a lodge to appear at Memorial Day parade clothed as Masons.

June 18, 1900, I refused a dispensation to a lodge to participate with the Knights of Pythias in the burial of a brother, where said knights had charge of the funeral.

Oct. 8, 1900, I refused a dispensation to confer the second and third degrees on the same day, before the brother was fully posted in preceding degree.

I refused three requests for dispensation to confer all three degrees in one day.

Many other applications were made during the year to permit the craft to do things not in accordance with the teachings of our institution, but all such were refused.

THE MASONIC CODE.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at our last annual communication, on Jan. 19, 1900, I appointed the following brethren

as the committee on "The Masonic Code": R.'W.'Bro. Thos. Montgomery, Past Grand Master H. R. Wells and W.'Bro. Irving Todd. How well they have performed their duty will be seen by the book itself. As was expected, the work fell largely on Brother Montgomery, who spent several months in preparing, codifying and getting it into the hands of the printer. It is a work we may all take a just pride in; one which the brethren have all felt a need of; one which will save the Grand Master much work if it is carefully studied by each Master. A copy has been sent to each lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, as per your instructions. Brother Montgomery is entitled to the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the arduous task he has so successfully completed.

SUBLETTING LODGE ROOMS.

I have permitted the usual number of lodges to sublet their halls to other creditable societies, under necessary restrictions. In each case, after investigation, I was satisfied that the revenues derived therefrom were of moment to the lodges. I was further convinced that the brethren would not take this action unless the reason for the same was imperative. I hope the time will soon come when each Masonic body will occupy halls exclusively by themselves.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

According to the resolution passed at our last annual communication, I appointed the following brethren as a committee on semi-centennial anniversary: Bro. G. R. Metcalf of No. 3, Bro. Thos. C. Clark of No. 1, Bro. Solon Armstrong of No. 2, R.'W.'Bro. J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, R.'W.'Bro. Thos. Montgomery, Grand Secretary. I have no doubt that the brethren named will prepare a rare treat for all who are able to be present.

As the anniversary comes in February, 1903, I would recommend that the annual communication of the Grand Lodge for that year be held in St. Paul, commencing Feb. 24, 1903, so that as many brethren as possible may avail themselves of the pleasure of being present without making an extra trip so soon after the meeting of the Grand Lodge, which would be necessary if the annual communication was held in January.

CUSTODIANS.

There has been the same number of lodges reached by the custodians during the past year as in the preceding one,—Brother Griswold holding five schools; Brother Knowlton two, and Brother Dickinson one,—all at a cost to the Grand Lodge of \$132.67. It is to be regretted that a larger number of lodges were not reached, as I am satisfied from the reports received from the District Deputies that

there is a desire on the part of the different lodges to learn and dispense the true work. The other members of the board, having other duties claiming their attention, have not found it convenient to lay them aside, and of course their districts have not been given the instruction they should have had. Where schools of instruction have been held much interest has been manifested, and much good has resulted. I perhaps have not given the subject as much attention as I ought, or that it deserves, leaving it as heretofore largely in the hands of each custodian to hold his six schools when and where he deemed it for the best interest of the craft. Their reports show that brethren from forty-one lodges have been in attendance, an average of five lodges for each school held.

I recommend an appropriation for the current year of \$400 for this work. R. W. Bro. E. P. Barnum, whose time had expired, was re-appointed for the term of five years.

APPEALS.

In the matter of Rochester Lodge, No. 21, vs. William F. Gardner and the protest of Meridian Lodge, No. 56. On Oct. 22, 1900, I received a communication from Bro. E. W. Rossman, chairman of the committee appointed by the Worshipful Master of Meridian Lodge, No. 56, together with a protest as to the leniency of the penalty inflicted upon Bro. William F. Gardner by Rochester Lodge, No. 21, for unMasonic conduct of said Gardner. I wrote the brother that Meridian Lodge had the right to appeal from said decision and sentence of Rochester Lodge to the Grand Lodge, and the matter will come before the proper committee. The protest and petition is hereto attached.

DECISIONS.

Question: In 1883 a party made application to our lodge for the degrees in Masonry, was elected, and received the Entered Apprentice degree. Objection was made to his further advancement, which objection has never been withdrawn. He now lives within another jurisdiction, and petitions this lodge to have the remaining two degrees conferred upon him. Have we jurisdiction over him? If so, how shall we proceed? The records fail to show that objection was ever made to his advancement, but a brother who was a member of our lodge at that time states that he remembers that such an objection was made.

Answer: He is the material of your lodge. After satisfying yourselves that there is no ground for further delay, you can proceed with the work, should you find the brother worthy, unless some brother prefers charges against him. No further ballot is required.

The brother was entitled to a hearing, but seems never to have had one. A brother who has received one or two degrees in Masonry has obtained some rights, and is entitled to be heard.

Question: Is a brother who has received a certificate for dues for life in a certain lodge, under a provision of their by-laws providing for the same, liable for lodge dues after the by-laws have been amended by striking out the life membership section of said by-laws?

Answer: No.

Question: Can the investigating committee, in case they fail to secure the presence of the necessary witnesses and their evidence (when witnesses live within the jurisdiction of the lodge), present to the lodge as evidence of a brother's guilt, a duly authenticated transcript of the testimony of the various witnesses taken in court, and where the brother was duly represented by able counsel who had ample opportunity to prevent the introduction of improper evidence under the strict and arbitrary rules of evidence.

Answer: No.

Question: Does the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge in 1897, page 48, apply to saloonkeepers and bartenders who were in business prior to that time, and are they violating any Masonic law?

Answer: Yes, to both questions.

Many other questions have been asked which have been answered by referring the brethren to the digest, or approved decision of some former Grand Master covering the point involved.

DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

As has been said heretofore, no one appreciates more fully than the Grand Master the value of a good competent corps of deputies.

The usual blank reports were sent to each of the thirty-four District Deputies with their appointment, and a request that they visit every lodge within their respective districts and make their report on the first day of December, 1900. Twenty-four have reported, and their reports are filed with the Grand Secretary for future use. Ten have visited every lodge in their districts. Some of the reports are models, covering every detail. A total of 114 lodges have been visited by various Deputies, an increase over last year of twenty-four lodges. From their reports we gather the following information: Twenty-eight lodges own their own halls or buildings; the value of the same, in round numbers, is \$109,100; amount due on buildings, \$65,800; the value of paraphernalia of the various lodges, \$81,655; insurance on same, \$49,270; number of meetings held during the year, 2,233; number of degrees conferred, 1,606; amount of unpaid dues, \$21,229; cash and cash investments, \$54,500; liabilities other than on buildings, \$6,498; Masonic funerals held, sixty; minutes not signed by Worshipful Masters in sixteen different lodges. All these ques-

tions, with many others, are included in the blanks sent out, and if each deputy would perform the duty assigned him, it would give the Grand Master much needed information for his use to report to the Grand Lodge. Some of the lodges do not pay the expenses of the deputy making the visitation. This matter should be looked after by each Master of the lodge visited. The deputy giving his time for the good of Masonry should not be required to bear the expenses as well. I trust that the Masters will see that the expenses are paid by their lodges hereafter.

DEATHS.

"We mourn with those who mourn."

The year past has brought sorrow to us as well as to the Grand Jurisdictions with which we are in fraternal accord by the losses they have sustained in the death of some of their most devoted sons. Official notice has been received of the following prominent and distinguished brethren who have gone to their reward the past year:

Harrison Dills, Past Grand Master, Illinois, died Nov. 1, 1899.

Robert Clow, Past Grand Master, Oregon, died Jan. 5, 1900.

Henry Chapple, Deputy Grand Master, Montana, died Jan. 10, 1900.

Thomas Linton, Grand Tyler, Colorado, died Jan. 11, 1900.

Thomas G. Reames, Past Grand Master, Oregon, died Feb. 21, 1900.

Samuel W. Williams, Past Grand Master, Arkansas, died March 14, 1900.

Clark Buckingham, Past Grand Master, Connecticut, died March 17, 1900.

Cyrus K. Holliday, Past Grand Master, Kansas, died March 29, 1900.

Silas C. Sheldon, Past Grand Master, Kansas, died April 19, 1900.

James E. Edmiston, Past Grand Master, Washington, died May 9, 1900.

W. H. Gee, Past Grand Master, Arkansas, died May 28, 1900.

Thomas Trounce, Past Grand Master, British Columbia, died June 30, 1900.

Alanson Partridge, Past Grand Master, Michigan, died July 7, 1900.

George H. Morgan, Past Grand Master, Tennessee, died July 27, 1900.

John W. Laflin, Grand Secretary, Wisconsin, died Aug. 30, 1900.

Edwin C. Blackmar, Past Grand Master, Iowa, died Oct. 7, 1900.

Edwin L. Bowling, Past Grand Master, Michigan, died Oct. 26, 1900.

Henry Clay Armstrong, Grand Secretary, Alabama, died Dec. 17, 1900.

On the twelfth day of September, 1900, death, the great leveler of all, entered our ranks and carried through the dark valley our beloved Grand Tyler, Jean C. Fischer. He whose duty it was, and who for nearly eighteen years faithfully guarded the outer portals of the Grand Lodge, has been summoned hence. He has gone to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets. He has fought the good fight, and passed on to his reward.

Brother Fischer was born in Germany, and was nearly sixty-nine years of age at the time of his demise. He moved from Hudson, Wis., to St. Paul, Minn., in the year 1881. Soon thereafter he affiliated with St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, and was a member thereof at the time of his death. He was appointed Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge about 1883, although the records of the then Grand Secretary are not very clear on this point. As an officer of the Grand Lodge, Brother Fischer was present at each communication to assume his station, and guard sacredly the trust placed in his charge by each succeeding Grand Master. Never more will he receive from the installing officer the command, "Receive from me the implement of your office, and repair to your station."

His remains were laid in Oakland cemetery with Masonic ceremony, R. W. Bro. Henry R. Adams, Junior Grand Warden, officiating for the Grand Lodge, assisted by R. W. Bro. Thos. Montgomery as Grand Marshal.

Bro. Henry S. Doty, Junior Grand Steward, died at his home in Sauk Center on Jan. 19, 1901, aged sixty-two years. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company "K," Fifty-second Illinois Infantry, being mustered out as First Lieutenant in October, 1865. Bro. Doty was made a Mason in Elgin Lodge, No. 117, Illinois, moved to Salem, Wis., a short time thereafter, and joined Salem Lodge, No. 125. Removing from Salem to Sauk Center, he joined Star in the West Lodge, No. 60, May 26, 1876. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Sauk Center Chapter, No. 49, June 29, 1891. He was appointed Junior Grand Steward Jan. 18, 1900. Brother Doty was a good Mason. Peace to his ashes!

He has gone, alas! he is laid in the dust,
Death's hand his slumber breaking;
For the coffined sleep of the good and just,
Is a sure and blissful waking.

The Grand Secretary will see that appropriate memorial pages appear in our printed proceedings.

CONCLUSION.

Brethren, as has been truly said, the sand in the hour glass is swiftly running; the spade stands ready to do the last work for us;

the coffin is open, and the grave waits. The sprig of acacia, already grown for some of us, hangs green upon the bough. My brother, has the rough ashlar been hewed, squared, polished and made ready, and is it to-day a perfect ashlar waiting for some noble place in the goodly temple of our God? The year passed has brought its joys and sorrows, its prosperity and adversity, still I can only recall acts of courtesy and kindness on the part of all who in the discharge of my duties I have been brought in contact. Now, sincerely thanking you for the great honor conferred in allowing me to occupy this most exalted position, and trusting that the little that has been accomplished has been no detriment to the craft, I bid you God speed in the work before you.

ALONZO BRANDENBURG,
Grand Master.

The address was referred to the Committee on Address, for division and reference.

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

I have the honor to submit this, my twelfth annual report as your Grand Secretary.

At the threshold of a new century it may be interesting to indulge in a little retrospection. This Grand Lodge was organized nearly forty-eight years ago, with less than 100 members in the three lodges which united in its formation. As Minnesota became settled lodges increased, and in 1861, forty years ago, there were thirty-one active lodges, with 1,100 members. The average net annual increase during these forty years has been nearly 400, and during the past twelve years nearly 500. Twelve years ago there were 10,900 members in 167 lodges; now there are 16,900, in 221 lodges,—a gain of fifty-four lodges and 6,000 members.

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RETURNS.

Returns have been received from each of the 221 lodges, including five U. D. They show more work done the past year than in any former year in our history, and yet owing to increased losses the net gain is only 407, somewhat less than the previous year.

The following statement shows the gains and losses for 1900: Raised, 1,003; joined, 380; restored, 74; total gains, 1,457. Withdrawn, 510; stricken from the roll, 313; suspended, 4; expelled, 3;

died, 216; total losses, 1,050. Present membership, 16,886. There are nearly 100 non-affiliates besides, attached to the five lodges U. D.

Some of the lodges have made phenomenal records in the line of degrees conferred. St. Paul, No. 3, leads with forty-two raised, followed by Palestine, No. 79, with thirty-four and Winona, No. 18 and Minneapolis, No. 19, with thirty each. Twenty other lodges have raised between ten and twenty each. If all the lodges had been as actively at work the increase would have been unprecedented. It may surprise you, as it did me, to learn that nineteen lodges have done no work whatever, that sixty-one report a net loss, and seventeen stand as before, and that therefore all the net gains come from 143 lodges out of 221.

New lodges have been organized U. D. during the year at Bemidji, Sandstone, Edgerton, Thief River Falls and Hopkins, the office requirements having been fully met.

All these lodges have been actively at work, are comfortably housed, have made returns and paid their fees and dues, and respectfully petition for charters.

Albert Pike Lodge U. D., at Hopkins, is worthy of special mention. A petition, signed by forty-two Master Masons, was filed with me October 12th, the Grand Master directed dispensation to issue on October 15th; it was issued at once and delivered the next day; a hall was then secured and wholly remodeled and furnished, and a full equipment of paraphernalia and necessary lodge furniture and supplies obtained at an expense of \$1,000, and a very largely attended first meeting held therein on October 24th, when eighteen petitions for the degrees were presented. I visited the lodge by special invitation November 21st, and was very favorably impressed with the zeal and Masonic interest manifested. Their book of minutes, which is here for inspection, is a model of its kind; in fact, first-class and complete in every respect. Since the lodge was opened fifty degrees have been conferred, all at special meetings, the stated meetings being reserved for business and Masonic instruction and addresses by specially invited brethren on Masonic topics.

The above shows what has been done and what may be done by the indomitable energy of one man,—the one man in this case being the Worshipful Master, Bro. S. S. Kilvington of Minneapolis.

Petitions are in my hands, or soon will be, for other new lodges at Minneota, Ruthton, Lester Prairie and Eveleth, which will be handed the incoming Grand Master, and still others are being talked of.

FINANCIAL.

I have collected \$9,176 in fees and dues for 1900,—\$8.80 arrearages and \$250 in charter and dispensation fees, all of which has been paid the grand treasurer, except \$10.78 overpaid him, by error, last year.

Seventy-eight orders on the grand treasurer have been issued and paid, amounting to \$9,291.22. The arrears due Grand Lodge for 1900 are \$14.20. Overpayments in small sums have been made amounting to \$30.80. If found correct when the register is posted, the lodges will be allowed credit for same.

Several large overpayments have been returned, in one case \$26. The usual financial errors appear in the returns, but many of these I have been enabled to correct, by correspondence, before the opening of Grand Lodge. All my financial books, papers and vouchers have been submitted to the Committee on Finance for their investigation.

Last year's proceedings were printed and distributed as usual.

Commissions were issued to the thirty-four district deputies, and to the grand representatives named by the Grand Master, and the usual circulars to the lodges.

Charters were made out for the six new lodges chartered last January, and delivered to the constituting officers. It was my honor and privilege to constitute Chisago Lodge, No. 232. I was called on to install the officers of Midway, No. 185, on the 11th instant.

Many additions of value have been made to our library during the year.

The Grand Lodge Register is written up to include the returns for 1899.

There are five cases to go to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

Reduced railroad rates have been secured on the usual conditions.

Only twenty-two reports have been filed with me of money expended for charity, out of thirty-two cases relieved.

MASONIC CODE.

By resolution of the Grand Lodge last year, the Grand Secretary was made a member of a special committee to prepare and publish a book to be designated "The Masonic Code of Minnesota." He was appointed chairman by the Grand Master, and directed to faithfully carry out the spirit of the resolutions on the subject. As soon as last year's proceedings were published, the work of preparing such a book was taken in hand, all other official duties except the daily correspondence set aside, and every moment possible for about six months devoted to its compilation and publication. As was expected, the chairman was depended on to do the work, but he freely consulted the Grand Master and several other grand officers and one of the custodians most accessible, on several features and details of the work, receiving their approval. He also sought the aid of his associates on the committee, but a formal conference was not secured. He, however, took the manuscript of the Code proper to Hastings for the inspec-

tion and approval of Brother Todd. Brother Wells also approved our work, and consented to its publication. As our labors progressed we found it possible to add to our original plan, and give the lodges and Grand Lodge a complete working manual, as well as a digest of the laws, and added some forms, statistics, a chronological index, etc. About 350 copies, out of the 500 ordered published, have been freely supplied to Grand Lodge officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, our several lodges and Sister Grand Lodges. From the many written and verbal commendations received by me, there can be no doubt but that the work fills a long felt want. It certainly is appreciated by the fraternity, and will prove useful to every Master and other brother who desires to be well informed on our laws and usages. A few unimportant errors in words will be corrected by an errata.

In closing another year of labor in behalf of our beloved fraternity, I cannot recall a harsh or unkind word uttered by any brother in speech or writing. Nothing but the most fraternal treatment has been accorded your Grand Secretary in all his official relations with the brethren. The correspondence for the past year has been largely in excess of any former year. I especially desire to thank the Lodge Secretaries, whose duties are generally arduous and their labors often unappreciated, for their uniform readiness to promptly respond to every call made upon them from this office. Not a single request has been ignored or neglected. The Grand Master has placed me under many obligations, and has my hearty thanks for favors received, as have all the officers and brethren with whom I have come in contact. As in the past, so in the future, I am ready and willing to be the servant of my brethren at all times, if thereby the interests of our time-honored fraternity may be furthered, and its honor upheld in our glorious North Star State.

Fraternally submitted,

THOS. MONTGOMERY,

Grand Secretary.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge:

As your Grand Treasurer I herewith submit my report for the past year:

1900.		
Jan. 17.	Cash on hand as per report.....	\$10,911.04
1901.		
Jan. 23.	Cash received from Grand Secretary.....	9,424.02
Total		\$20,335.06

DISBURSEMENTS—ORDERS PAID AND SUBMITTED HEREWITH.

1900.	No.		
Jan. 18.	1—	A. T. Stebbins, general expense past year...	\$300.00
Jan. 18.	2—	A. T. Stebbins, expense Washington memorial	100.00
Jan. 18.	3—	Irving Todd, Assistant Grand Secretary.....	25.00
Jan. 18.	4—	Jean C. Fischer, Grand Tyler.....	25.00
Jan. 18.	5—	T. Montgomery, contingent expenses.....	200.00
Jan. 18.	6—	T. Montgomery, office rent, six months.....	100.00
Jan. 18.	7—	Irving Todd, 'report on correspondence.....	100.00
Jan. 18.	8—	T. Montgomery, railroad agent and assistant	16.00
Jan. 18.	9—	D. W. Knowlton, Custodian.....	15.20
Jan. 18.	10—	Wm. B. Patton, Custodian.....	23.70
Jan. 18.	11—	W. F. Dickinson, Custodian.....	25.00
Jan. 18.	12—	Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	15.00
Jan. 18.	13—	E. Barnum, Custodian.....	19.50
Jan. 18.	14—	Jean C. Fischer, tiling for Custodians.....	10.00
Jan. 18.	15—	James R. Smith, No. 9, for C. P. Pike.....	100.00
Jan. 18.	16—	M. J. Kingsbury, No. 16, for widow of M. Y. Pendleton	50.00
Jan. 18.	17—	Chas. E. Callaghan, No. 21, for Bros. Burroughs and Atherton.....	150.00
Jan. 18.	18—	C. M. Wilkinson, No. 26, for widow of S. Partridge	100.00
Jan. 18.	19—	Barkley Varner, No. 31, for Bro. M. A. Larson	50.00
Jan. 18.	20—	Chas H. Bliss, No. 32, for Bro. Joseph Botlick	100.00
Jan. 18.	21—	Axel Johnson, No. 35, for Bro. Wm. Lee...	150.00
Jan. 18.	22—	K. W. Buell, No. 36, for Bro. J. Benedict...	100.00
Jan. 18.	23—	A. G. Norton, No. 38, for widow of E. F. Gibbons	50.00
Jan. 18.	24—	John H. Anderson, No. 39, for widow of D. A. McFadden.....	50.00
Jan. 18.	25—	W. A. Hubbard, No. 40, for Bro. H. Laurentzen	100.00
Jan. 18.	26—	T. Montgomery, for Thos. J. Lombard.....	150.00
Jan. 18.	27—	Carlos Avery, No. 59, for widow of Lyman Carr	100.00
Jan. 18.	28—	W. I. Henshaw, No. 60, for Bro. Wm. German	100.00
Jan. 18.	29—	W. A. Wilsie, No. 76, for widow of A. F. Benedict	50.00
Jan. 18.	30—	Harvey Harris, No. 78, for widow of W. B. Mitchell	75.00

Jan. 18.	31—Fred C. Raiter, No. 81, for Bro. M. E. Van Cott	100.00
Jan. 18.	32—E. H. Learned, No. 82, for Bro. T. Foley...	100.00
Jan. 18.	33—Alex. D. Ross, No. 89, for Bro. J. H. Mc. Kenney	100.00
Jan. 18.	34—W. R. Caswell, No. 91, for widow of David Watson	100.00
Jan. 18.	35—H. J. Ramsett, No. 104, for widow of P. A. Odell	100.00
Jan. 18.	36—Thos. S. Morton, No. 23, for widow of G. A. Reynolds	100.00
Jan. 18.	37—James P. Emerson, No. 128, for Bro. J. P. Hill	100.00
Jan. 18.	38—Christ Hanson, No. 132, for widow of Peter Lindner	75.00
Jan. 18.	39—James S. Strong, No. 138, for Bro. L. B. Woolson	125.00
Jan. 18.	40—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	30.00
Jan. 18.	41—Fremont S. Brown, No. 155, for widow of C. B. Peck	75.00
Jan. 18.	42—Chas. P. Montgomery, No. 185, for widow of H. F. Green.....	50.00
Jan. 18.	43—J. H. Thompson, for Bro. M. C. Burnside..	100.00
Jan. 18.	44—J. W. Funk, No. 194, for widow of F. R. Miles	100.00
Jan. 18.	45—Judson N. Day, No. 12, for widow of S. S. Rardon	100.00
Jan. 23.	46—J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, pay roll 1900	2,387.40
Jan. 30.	47—W. R. Holly, No. 161, for Bro. A. C. Morse.	85.00
Feb. 17.	48—Chas. Griswold, Custodian.....	22.50
Feb. 17.	49—Mrs E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	30.00
Feb. 26.	50—W. F. Dickinson, Custodian, Sleepy Eye....	10.56
Mar. 1.	51—T. Montgomery, 1,250 pictures, Grand Treasurer	43.75
Mar. 2.	52—Chas. Griswold, Custodian, Red Wing.....	14.80
Mar. 5.	53—D. W. Knowlton, Custodian, Mapleton....	18.06
Mar. 13.	54—Pioneer Press Co., printing bills.....	600.00
Mar. 19.	55—Chas. Griswold, Custodian, Grand Meadow.	20.00
Mar. 18.	56—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	30.00
Mar. 31.	57—T. Montgomery, salary, Jan., Feb., Mar....	312.50
Mar. 23.	58—D. W. Knowlton, Custodian, Anoka.....	10.10
Mar. 31.	59—Chas. Griswold, Custodian, Austin.....	18.95
April 13.	60—Chas. Griswold, Custodian, Kasson.....	17.70
April 18.	61—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	30.00
April 28.	62—L. N. Bryant, insurance on \$3,000.....	48.00

May 18.	63—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	30.00
May 31.	64—Thos. Montgomery, salary April and May..	208.33
June 18.	65—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	30.00
June 20.	66—T. Montgomery, balance rent 1900.....	100.00
June 30.	67—Thos. Montgomery, salary June.....	104.17
July 18.	68—Mrs. E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	30.00
Aug. 13.	69—Thos. Montgomery, Masonic Code of Minn.	500.00
Aug. 18.	70—E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	30.00
Aug. 31.	71—T. Montgomery, salary July and August....	208.33
Sept. 18.	72—E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	30.00
Oct. 18.	73—E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	30.00
Nov. 19.	74—E. C. Pierson, on allowance.....	30.00
Nov. 19.	75—T. Montgomery, salary Sept. and Oct.....	208.33
Nov. 19.	76—T. Montgomery, floral tribute, Bro. Fischer.	10.00
Dec. 19.	77—E. C. Pierson, balance of allowance.....	30.00
1901.	No.	
Jan. 14.	78—T. Montgomery, salary Nov. and Dec., 1900.	208.34

Total, 78 warrants paid..... \$9,291.22

Jan. 23, 1901. Cash on hand..... 11,043.84

Total \$20,335.06

Fraternally submitted,

JOSEPH H. THOMPSON,
Grand Treasurer.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT ON WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Debit.

1900.

Jan. 18.	Cash on hand.....	\$767.70
Jan. 18.	City of Minneapolis, bonds par.....	20,000.00
Jan. 18.	St. Louis Co., bonds par.....	1,000.00
Mar. 27.	Interest on \$16,000 Minneapolis bonds.....	322.50
July 1.	Interest on \$4,000 Minneapolis bonds.....	80.00
July 1.	Interest on \$1,000 St. Louis county bonds.....	20.00
Oct. 1.	Interest on \$16,000 Minneapolis bonds.....	322.50

1901.

Jan. 1.	Interest on \$4,000 Minneapolis bonds.....	80.00
Jan. 1.	Interest on \$1,000 St. Louis county bonds.....	20.00

Total \$22,612.70

Credit.		
1901.		
Jan. 23.	City of Minneapolis, registered certificate, No. 94	\$15,000.00
Jan. 23.	City of Minneapolis, registered certificate, No. 107	1,000.00
Jan. 23.	City of Minneapolis, registered certificate, No. 108	2,000.00
Jan. 23.	City of Minneapolis, registered certificate, No. 109	2,000.00
Jan. 23.	St. Louis county, bond, No. 59	1,000.00
Jan. 23.	Cash on hand	1,612.70
Total		\$22,612.70
Fraternally submitted,		
J. H. THOMPSON,		
<i>Treasurer Widows' and Orphans' Fund.</i>		

Referred to Committee on Finance.

On motion of Bro. D. W. Knowlton (112), the sum of \$27.88 was appropriated to pay the expense of the cablegram to the Grand Master of Masons of England, now King.

Over thirty petitions for relief from the Grand Lodge funds were referred to the Committee on Appropriations during the session, most of them without being read.

REPORT ON ADDRESS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master for division and reference, respectfully recommend:

1. That so much as relates to deceased brethren be referred to a special committee of five.

2. That so much as relates to dispensations for new lodges and charters destroyed by fire be referred to the Committee on Lodges U. D.

3. That so much as relates to Masonic Code be referred to the Committee on Ancient Landmarks.

4. That so much as relates to semi-centennial be referred to a special committee of three.

5. That so much as relates to Custodians be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

6. That so much as relates to the case of W. F. Gardner be referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

7. That so much as relates to decisions and special dispensations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

8. That the residue be referred to a special committee of three.

A. D. COUNTRYMAN.

WM. ANDERSON,

O. S. MILLER.

Committee.

Adopted.

The special committees provided for in the above report were appointed as follows:

1. Bros. Geo. H. Davis (100), E. P. Barnum (60), Charles Griswold (3), Horace W. Davis (1), Irving Todd (7).

4. Bros. W. H. Wells (109), H. M. Myers (19), C. E. Callaghan (21).

8. Bros. W. T. Cowing (81), L. C. Hansen (94), James H. Strong (138).

Bro. L. A. Barnes (198) having called up the matter of the report on District Deputies and Custodians, laid over from last year, on motion of Bro. John D. Carroll (118), the report was taken from the table, and referred to a special committee of three, and its consideration was made the special order for 11 a. m. to-morrow. Bros. John D. Carroll (118), Fred B. Wood (39) and L. A. Barnes (198) were appointed said committee.

Bro. Edwin H. Foot (8) stated that the charter of Red Wing Lodge, No. 8, was illegible, and asked that a duplicate be issued. Referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

On motion of Bro. John D. Carroll (118), the hour of 2 p. m. to-morrow was fixed for the election of officers.

Bro. Irving Todd submitted his report on Correspondence, which was ordered published as an appendix to the proceedings.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24, 1901.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 9 a. m., officers and members as before.

Five appeals and other cases were referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, without being read.

Bro. David T. Calhoun, Grand Orator, then delivered a well prepared oration, which was listened to with marked attention. On motion of Bro. Wm. B. Patton (79), a vote of thanks was given Brother Calhoun, and he was requested to hand in his paper for publication in our proceedings. (See Appendix.)

The following resolution, offered by Bro. J. M. Rowley (21), was referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

Resolved, That the sum of \$2,000 be transferred from the General Fund to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. Joseph H. Johnson (224), was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That Bro. Joseph H. Thompson (19) be made a permanent member of this Grand Lodge, and entitled to all its rights and privileges.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. Geo. R. Metcalf (3), was referred to the special Committee on Semi-Centennial:

Resolved, That the annual communication of the Grand Lodge for 1903 be held commencing on Wednesday, February 23d.

On motion of Bro. Chas. L. West (39), the standing Committee on Semi-Centennial, appointed last year, were instructed to submit a program of exercises for the occasion at our next annual communication; also, that all matters pertaining thereto be referred to said committee.

The special Committee on District Deputies and Custodians, appointed last evening, submitted their report. After being discussed at length, and amended in some particulars, it was adopted as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your special committee to whom was referred the amended report of the committee of last year, on the best manner of diffusing Masonic knowledge, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We believe the amended report as printed in last year's proceedings codifies the existing laws in excellent shape.

2. We recommend striking out from section 5, on page 39 of said proceedings, the last half of the first sentence, commencing with the words, "at the expense of the lodge," and striking out of section 6, on same page, the words, "the number of certificates issued, and to whom," and that the balance of the report be adopted.

3. We recommend that more schools of instruction be held by the Board of Custodians the coming year.

4. Your committee find that there is a desire on the part of a number of members of this Grand Lodge that a Grand Lecturer be appointed, to devote his whole time to visiting and instructing lodges; and, deeming the demand strong enough to warrant its consideration, we recommend that the following resolution lie over until the next annual communication, to be then duly considered by Grand Lodge:

"Resolved, That the Grand Master appoint a Grand Lecturer, whose compensation and duties shall be fixed by the Grand Lodge."

JOHN D. CARROLL,
FRED B. WOOD,
L. A. BARNES,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that we have examined the books, vouchers and reports of the Grand Treasurer, and find them correct in every particular.

The books of the Grand Secretary have also been examined and found in nice shape, posted to date, and his receipts corresponding with his payments to the Grand Treasurer.

DAVID GRAHAM,
E. L. FORD,
L. E. DAVISON,

Committee.

Adopted.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24, 1901.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at
1:30 p. m.

REPORT ON LODGES U. D.:

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Lodges U. D. respectfully report that they have examined the minutes and returns of Bemidji Lodge U. D. of Bemidji, Sandstone Lodge U. D. of Sandstone, Edgerton Lodge U. D. of Edgerton, Northern Lodge U. D. of Thief River Falls, Albert Pike Lodge U. D. of Hopkins, and respectfully recommend that charters be granted said Lodges.

We further report that we have considered the petitions of Verndale Lodge, No. 139, of Verndale, of Cannon River Lodge, No. 52, of Morristown, and of Rodahya Lodge, No. 153, of Browns Valley, for duplicate charters, to replace those destroyed by fire, and respectfully recommend that duplicate charters be issued to said Lodges without fee. We further recommend that, owing to the repeated losses suffered by Cannon River Lodge, No. 52, the dues from said Lodge to the Grand Lodge for the year 1900 be remitted.

E. W. ROSSMAN,
G. H. DAVIS,
W. B. WILSON,
W. A. DARATT,
W. C. ODELL,

Adopted.

Committee.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The hour for election of officers having arrived, the Grand Master requested Past Grand Master A. T. Stebbins to preside, and appointed the following tellers: Bros. J. D. Markham (164), C. L. West (39), H. C. Shepard (18), W. B. Patton (79), and H. E. Blair (61).

Ballots were ordered taken, the Grand Secretary calling the roll of all entitled to vote. The following officers were duly elected:

Gideon Sprague Ives, St. Peter.....M. W. Grand Master
Henry R. Adams, Minneapolis.....R. W. Deputy Grand Master
William A. McGonagle, Duluth.....R. W. Senior Grand Warden

Enoch Stott, Winona.....R. W. Junior Grand Warden
 Joseph H. Thompson, Minneapolis.....R. W. Grand Treasurer
 Thomas Montgomery, St. Paul.....R. W. Grand Secretary

As soon as Brother Ives, the Grand Master-elect, who was absent during election, returned, he was escorted into the hall by all the Past Grand Masters present, received at the dais by Grand Master Brandenburg, given the Grand Honors, and in suitable terms returned thanks for the honor conferred upon him.

While the ballots were being counted, a number of committees reported, as follows:

ON DECEASED BRETHREN.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your special committee on deceased brethren, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, extend the assurance of their fraternal sympathy to the various Grand Jurisdictions which have been called to part with faithful and distinguished brothers during the past year. Having completed their course they rest from their labors, their memory enshrined in the heart of a loving and grateful fraternity.

Our own jurisdiction has been called to pay its tribute of affection to many worthy brothers, whom we shall see no more until, in God's good providence, we meet in that home beyond the veil.

Notable among these was Bro. Jean C. Fischer, for many years Grand Tyler of this Grand Lodge. Of him it can be said that he was faithful and conscientious in the discharge of his duty. No higher tribute can be paid to any man.

Bro. Thomas C. Shapleigh was loved and esteemed by all who knew him. True to his friends, loyal to every conviction of principle, faithful to every responsibility, his influence will live in the lives and characters of men when his name shall have been forgotten and his monument crumbled into dust.

Bro. Henry S. Doty, Junior Grand Steward, who earned the warm attachment of his many friends by his genial nature and manly qualities, was a man of large heart, noble impulses, and unflinching integrity.

We pay our glad tribute to the memory of these our loved brothers, and in the light of their virtues we feel ourselves the stronger for life's work and responsibility.

GEORGE H. DAVIS,
 E. P. BARNUM,
 CHAS. GRISWOLD,
 IRVING TODD,

Concurred in.

Committee.

REPORTS ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances respectfully submit the following reports:

1. CASE OF WM. NEWTON.

In the matter of the application of Wm. Newton for a rehearing. He was formerly a member of Harmony Lodge, No. 43, and was expelled by said Lodge Feb. 3, 1896. The petitioner did not appear before the committee, nor did anyone in his behalf. The only papers on file in the case are the copy of the record of the proceedings of said Lodge upon such expulsion, together with the petition for a rehearing. It appears from an inspection of these papers that the proceedings of said Lodge in expelling said Wm. Newton were in all respects regular, and no reasons or facts have been presented to us showing that the petition should be granted. Your committee therefore recommend that the petition be denied.

Adopted.

2. CASE OF E. LESLIE FOREMAN.

We have had under consideration the petition of E. Leslie Foreman for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, and would most respectfully report, that, after hearing said E. Leslie Foreman and others on his behalf, and a full statement of the case by members of Lake View Lodge, No. 143, from which he was expelled July 26, 1886, your committee are of the opinion that said E. Leslie Foreman has, for the past ten or twelve years, led an exemplary life; that he has sincerely repented of the misdeeds for which he was expelled, and is heartily sorry for his past misconduct; and that he is now a worthy and upright man. Your committee therefore recommend that he be restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Adopted.

3. CASE OF THOS. ZIMMERMAN.

In the matter of the petition of Thomas Zimmerman, late a member of Lake View Lodge, No. 143, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, your committee respectfully report that the only papers or records relating to said case that have come into our hands are the above-mentioned petition, with the approval of certain members of said lodge attached thereto. The requirements of section 560 of the Masonic Code of Minnesota have not been com-

plied with. Your committee therefore recommend that further consideration of said petition be deferred until a proper return shall have been made in accordance with the provisions of said section 560.

Adopted.

4. CASE OF WM. F. GARDNER.

Your committee having had under consideration the appeal of Meridian Lodge, No. 56, from the action of Rochester Lodge, No. 21, whereby the said Wm. F. Gardner was suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for the period of two years, for gross unmasonic conduct, and, after a full hearing on the part of both Meridian Lodge, No. 56, and Rochester Lodge, No. 21, and a full and complete statement of facts involved in this case, are of the opinion that the said Wm. F. Gardner should have been expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry by said Rochester Lodge, No. 21, instead of suspending him for two years. Your committee would therefore recommend that the said Wm. F. Gardner be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

Adopted.

5. CASE OF E. D. AKIN.

In the matter of the petition of E. D. Akin, late a member of Corinthian Lodge, No. 67, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, your committee respectfully report that the only papers or records relating to said matter that have come into our hands are the above-mentioned petition, together with a recommendation from the Secretary of Corinthian Lodge that said petition be granted. None of the requirements of section 560 of the Masonic Code of Minnesota have been complied with. Your committee therefore recommend that further consideration of said petition be deferred until a proper return shall have been made, in accordance with the provisions of said section 560.

Adopted.

J. H. SPROUT,
DAVID W. KNOWLTON,
E. F. BARNES,
JNO. H. ANDERSON,
Committee.

REPORT ON RETURNS OF LODGES.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Returns of Lodges respectfully report that the annual returns for 1900 were placed in our hands by the Grand Secretary on Tuesday last, together with a tabulated abstract of same,

which we have carefully examined and compared with said returns, and find correct. (For abstract see Appendix.)

The following is a summary: Initiated, 1,057; passed, 1,011; raised, 1,003; joined, 380; restored, 74; total gain in members, 1,457. Withdrawn, 510; stricken from roll, 319; suspended, 4; expelled, 3; died, 216; total loss, 1,050. Net gain, 407; members Jan. 1, 1901, 16,886. If the eighty-one whose dimitts are on file with the Grand Secretary, waiting to join the lodges U. D. as soon as constituted, were added to the foregoing, the net gain would exceed even last year. We note with pleasure the increase in degrees conferred over any former year, but are grieved at the increased number of deaths.

The following overpayments, were made: No. 16, \$1.60; No. 22, \$1.60; No. 33, \$1.20; No. 37, 80c.; No. 38, \$1.00; No. 47, 40c.; No. 81, 80c.; No. 92, 80c.; No. 114, \$2.80; No. 115, \$1.20; No. 116, \$1.20; No. 129, \$3.60; No. 149, \$1.00; No. 158, 40c.; No. 161, \$1.00; No. 192, \$2.40; No. 197, \$2.00; No. 200, \$2.40; No. 205, \$1.20; No. 206, 40c.; No. 210, 40c.; No. 214, 80c.; No. 220, \$1.40; No. 223, 40c.

The following dues are still unpaid: No. 11, 60c.; No. 36, 40c.; No. 39, 2.40; No. 109, \$1.20; No. 124, 80c.; No. 126, \$1.20; No. 131, 80c.; No. 139, 40c.; No. 145, \$2.00; No. 152, \$3.20; No. 157, 80c.; No. 169, 40c.; No. 172, 40c.; No. 177, 80c.; No. 199, 40c.; No. 204, 40c. No. 45 failed to give Lodge numbers. Nos. 16, 29, 37, 80 and 232 failed to affix seal. No. 39 has lodge numbers all wrong. Nos. 11 and 110 omit dates of initiating and passing.

The matter of exemptions from Grand Lodge dues has caused no little trouble and extra work for the Grand Secretary, a great many Lodges deducting dues for account of Secretary, Chaplain and Tyler unlawfully. Only sixty-one Lodges have a right to make such exemptions. All Lodges should, in fairness, pay alike on their net membership.

The outstanding dues of Lodges are \$37,695, as against \$40,729 a year ago. Other assets reported are \$354,246, as against \$335,832 for 1899, a great improvement in both items. The Lodge indebtedness reported is \$58,735. Forty-seven Lodges own their halls, or have an interest therein.

We extend our thanks to the Grand Secretary for the valuable assistance rendered your committee in the performance of their duties.

J. M. ROWLEY,

O. C. HANSON,

J. T. JOHNSON,

Adopted.

Committee.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. J. M. Rowley (21), was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in the future all exemptions of Grand Lodge dues by subordinate Lodges be, and they are hereby, prohibited, and the practice abolished.

REPORT ON SEMI-CENTENNIAL.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your special committee to whom was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Master's address relative to the semi-centennial anniversary in February, 1903, wherein he recommends that the annual communication for that year be held in St. Paul, commencing Feb. 24, 1903, instead of in January, as provided for in the general regulations, have carefully considered the subject, and respectfully report that the brethren throughout this jurisdiction, in the opinion of your committee, will be earnestly interested in the success of the proposed anniversary, and a larger number will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending, providing they can also have the pleasure of attending the Grand Lodge session; but your committee question the advisability of this Grand Lodge changing an annual communication to be held two years hence. We therefore offer the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge indorse the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master, and refer the same to the next session of this Grand Lodge for such action as may be necessary, to change the annual communication of 1903 to February 24th of that year.

W. H. WELLS,

H. M. MYERS,

C. E. CALLAGHAN,

Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT OF APPROPRIATIONS AS AMENDED.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Appropriations recommend that the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated from the general fund of the Grand Lodge for the following purposes, to-wit:

Grand Master Brandenburg, expenses past year.....	\$300.00
Grand Secretary, salary for 1901.....	1250.00
Grand Secretary, for two assistants.....	25.00
Grand Secretary, for contingent expenses.....	200.00
Grand Secretary, for office rent.....	200.00
Grand Tyler C. J. Kruger.....	25.00
Printing proceedings and other printing.....	600.00
Pay roll for 1901.....	2,403.19
Board of Custodians.....	400.00
Insurance	50.00
Committee on Correspondence.....	100.00
Joint railroad agent.....	11.00

We further recommend the following appropriations for relief of the persons mentioned, to be paid the Masters of the lodges named, unless otherwise indicated:

Faribault, No. 9, for widow of Frank A. Davis.....	\$50.00
Mankato, No. 12, for widow of S. S. Rardon.....	50.00
Monticello, No. 16, for widow of M. Y. Pendleton.....	50.00
Rochester, No. 21, for M. J. Burroughs.....	50.00
Western Star, No. 26, for widow of Sidney Patridge.....	100.00
Oriental, No. 34, for widow of H. H. Manning.....	100.00
Preston, No. 36, for Bro. J. S. Benedict.....	100.00
Fidelity, No. 39, for widow of E. Ward.....	50.00
Carnelian, No. 40, for Bro. H. Laurentzen.....	100.00
Concord, No. 47, widow of W. R. Smith.....	75.00
Concord, No. 47, widow of J. U. Chapman.....	75.00
Illustrious, No. 63, for widow of J. F. Pope.....	100.00
Mystic Circle, No. 78, for widow of Wm. B. Mitchell.....	100.00
Constellation, No. 81, for Bro. M. E. Van Cott.....	100.00
Howard, No. 82, for Bro. T. B. Folz.....	50.00
Howard, No. 82, for Bro. Wm. Ludington.....	50.00
Golden Fleece, No. 89, for Bro. J. H. McKenney.....	100.00
Antiquity, No. 91, for widow of David Watson.....	100.00
Sharon, No. 104, for widow of P. A. Odell.....	100.00
Pickwick, No. 110, for Bro. Silas Torrence.....	100.00
Prairie, No. 123, for widow of G. A. Reynolds.....	100.00
Orion, No. 138, for Bro. L. B. Woolson.....	125.00
Marietta, No. 172, for Bro. A. H. Strain.....	100.00
Valley, No. 174, for widow of John Warner.....	50.00
Anchor, No. 178, for Bro. Wm. Dragoo.....	100.00
Canton, No. 194, for widow of F. R. Miles.....	100.00
Mt. Hermon, No. 219, for Bro. A. J. Erickson.....	100.00

And the following sums to be paid through the Grand Treasurer in monthly installments to the following named persons:

Past Grand Master Royal H. Gove.....	\$300.00
Past Senior Grand Warden Thos. J. Lombard.....	200.00
Past Junior Grand Warden William Lee.....	200.00
Bro. M. C. Burnside, No. 198.....	100.00
The widow of Past Grand Master A. T. C. Pierson.....	360.00

We further recommend the transfer of \$2,000 from the General Fund to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

O. M. BOTSFORD,

E. W. McCORD.

L. R. BARTO,

Committee

Adopted.

REPORTS ON JURISPRUDENCE.

I.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the M. W. Grand Master relating to decisions, fraternally report that they have duly considered the same, and finding them to be in conformity with our Masonic rules and regulations, recommend that the same be approved.

Adopted.

2.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the address of the Grand Master relating to dispensations granted and referred, having carefully considered the same, find them in accord with the regulations and usages governing the action of this Grand Lodge.

Concurred in.

3.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the request of the Master of Red Wing Lodge, No. 8, for a duplicate charter, recommend the adoption of the following:

WHEREAS, The original charter of Red Wing Lodge, No. 8, has become so obscured as to be illegible; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be, and he is hereby, ordered to issue a duplicate charter to Red Wing Lodge, No. 8, without fee.

Adopted.

4.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the resolution providing for the making of R. W. Joseph H. Thompson a permanent member of this Grand Lodge, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That section 63 of the General Regulations of this Grand Lodge, as found in our Masonic Code, be amended by inserting after the words "Grand Wardens," in the fourth line of said section, the words: "Also any elective officer who has been elected and shall

have served this Grand Lodge in the position for which he was elected for the term of twenty-one consecutive years."

Adopted unanimously.

H. R. WELLS,
E. W. DURANT,
CHAS. GRISWOLD,
H. R. DENNY,
A. T. STEBBINGS,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ANCIENT LANDMARKS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Ancient Landmarks, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as relates to "The Masonic Code," beg leave to report that the work or book has just come to the observation of your committee. No time for inspection, which the character of the work absolutely and justly requires, has been given to us; therefore, we feel compelled to ask until the next annual communication to investigate, compare and make up a report, which shall be just and fair to all concerned.

SAM. E. ADAMS,
GEORGE R. METCALF,
J. O. BENNETT,
B. F. FARMER,
E. P. BARNUM,

Committee.

Adopted.

REPORT ON RESIDUE OF ADDRESS.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge:

Your committee to whom was referred the residue of the Grand Master's address respectfully report that they find the address so fully covered by the several committees that we are unable to find any matter that requires our attention.

WM. T. COWING,
L. C. HANSEN,
JAS. H. STRONG,

Committee.

Concurred in.

REPORT ON PAY ROLL.

Bro. J. H. Thompson reported the pay roll ready, and was authorized, as Grand Treasurer, to pay the per diem and mileage to all entitled to the same.

The Grand Lodge, at 6 p. m., was called from labor to refreshment until 8 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 24, 1901.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 8 p. m., the attendance being larger than usual at an evening session.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. A. D. Countryman, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That after reserving a sufficient number of copies of the Masonic Code to supply Grand Officers and new Lodges, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, Grand Secretary, be permitted to dispose of the balance of the edition as a partial compensation for his time and labor in compiling and publishing the same.

On motion, the thanks of Grand Lodge were voted the Masonic Union for the free use of this hall, and the railroad companies for reduced rates.

The following were announced as the appointive officers, by the Grand Master-elect:

William P. Roberts, Minneapolis.....	W.'. Grand Orator
Ezra B. Chase, Lake City.....	W.'. Grand Chaplain
Henry M. Tusler, St. Paul.....	W.'. Senior Grand Deacon
Fred B. Wood, Austin.....	W.'. Junior Grand Deacon
John H. Sprout, Blue Earth.....	W.'. Grand Marshal
Lucien A. Barnes, West Duluth.....	W.'. Grand Standard Bearer
Clark Keysor, Mankato.....	W.'. Grand Sword Bearer
John C. Munro, St. Cloud.....	W.'. Senior Grand Steward
W. C. Masterman, Stillwater.....	W.'. Junior Grand Steward
Edwin H. Foot, Red Wing.....	W.'. Grand Pursuivant
Charles J. Kruger, St. Paul.....	W.'. Grand Tyler

INSTALLATION.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed were then duly installed into their respective offices (except the Junior Grand Steward, who, being absent, will be installed in his own lodge) by Grand Master A. Brandenburg, assisted by Past Grand Master A. T. Stebbins, acting as Grand Marshal.

Grand Master Ives appointed the following committees:

On Returns of Lodges—Bros. J. M. Rowley (21), J. D. Carroll (118), Dan. C. Brown (187).

On Correspondence—Bros. Irving Todd (7), Thos. Montgomery (54), E. P. Barnum (60).

Bro. David W. Knowlton was re-appointed Custodian for the term of five years.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed at 9 p. m., in Ample Form, peace and harmony prevailing.



GIDEON S. IVES,
Grand Master.

Attest:

Thos. Montgomery

Grand Secretary.

ORATION.

BY BRO. DAVID T. CALHOUN, GRAND ORATOR.

In looking back over the addresses of Grand Orators delivered before this Grand Body, I notice that the Grand Master has occasionally been mildly criticised for his lack of judgment in the selection of this officer. In the present instance I shall simply ask you to cast over his mistake the broad mantle of Masonic charity, and I very much fear the sequel will show that he stands sadly in need of it.

The mass of literature on Masonic subjects leaves little to be said that is new, entertaining or instructive, and, it would seem, has rendered the office of Grand Orator superfluous almost, unless he who fills it be in truth and in fact an orator. The history of Masonry so far as it can be ascertained has been placed before us in printed form. Its philosophy and its jurisprudence have been expounded and elucidated. It has been eulogized until almost all combinations of words suitable for the purpose have been exhausted. Masonic duties have been rehearsed until we all ought, at least, to be familiar with them. I fear most of us would have to admit that our knowledge is already far ahead of our practice.

Instead of attempting anything of my own, it occurred to me that it might be as well to read one of the old orations, and justify myself, as did the old Scotch preacher who preached the same sermon three Sundays in succession, and, when the elders attempted to remonstrate with him, bluntly informed them that it would be time enough to talk about a new sermon when he discovered that the members of the congregation were practicing the things enjoined in the old. It is probably not necessary to suggest the application.

This time has, however, been, by a sort of general consent, selected as the proper one for rehearsing the changes wrought and progress made during the past century, and speculating on what will be the outcome of the next. We have been flooded with books, pamphlets, magazine and newspaper articles, in nearly every department of human thought and effort, devoted to these subjects. The nineteenth has indeed been a wonderful century. The changes wrought and progress made in many lines in the past hundred years have exceeded those of the thousand years preceding.

Science, however, will probably claim the century as hers, and in future ages it will probably be noted chiefly for the changes and pro-

gress in this particular field. The world seems to have waked up, and all this rapid progress, change and development has, for good or for ill, seriously affected the tone and temper of its people. There seems to be a mad rush on the part of individuals and of nations to grasp everything within reach, and in watching the proceeding one is almost led to think that the idea has got abroad in the world that we were going to run short of time; that there will not be enough of this to go round.

Everybody is in a hurry. The power of steam is crowded to its utmost limit to hurl us across the continent. We refuse to time our ocean voyage by weeks, or mere days, but insist that it shall be stated in hours and minutes. It annoys us to pick up a newspaper a few hours old. A book on most any scientific subject is out of date almost before the ink is dry. We are living in a fast age in more senses than one.

In all this rush and whirl what place has Masonry? Is she entitled to join in the song of triumph that is being sung over the achievements of the century just closed? Can she report progress? Has she any other or different message for the world than she had one hundred years ago, and can she promise anything new in the hundred years to come? And if not, has she grown old and out of date? It is submitted that, strictly speaking, Masonry answers these questions, and all of them, in the negative. Such being the case, the time may not be inappropriate to call to mind some of her fundamental principles, which we believe have preserved her vitality through all the changes through which the world has passed, and which establish her claim to a place even amid the rush and whirl of modern life, though she holds out no attractions to her votaries in the way of modern improvements.

There are other things that might perhaps be suggested, but I desire at this time to direct your attention to a single one of them.

As suggested, the nineteenth has been peculiarly the century of scientific thought. The votaries of science claim to have brought the whole known universe under the one grand formula of evolution. As John Fiske, one of the ablest of its expounders, says: "Whatever else the philosophy of future generations may be, it must be some kind of a philosophy of evolution. Such is the scientific conquest achieved by the nineteenth century. A marvelous story, without parallel in the history of human achievement!" ("Century of Science," 37).

In reading this the query was suggested: Is there any one grand general formula analagous to this under which all the philosophy of Masonry can be brought; some one central idea that constitutes its foundation and essence, and, as we may say, its vital principle,—the thing that makes it what it is, and by which everything connected with or belonging to, or assumed to be connected with or belong to it, may be tested. It is with deference submitted that the idea of uni-

versality is the one that permeates every fiber of Masonry; that makes it what it is; that accounts for its vitality and long life; that justifies it in claiming a place in this modern and modernized world; that makes, and has made, it the unchanging and unchangeable thing that it claims to be; that makes it unique and peculiar among all human organizations, and furnishes a reason why the questions above suggested must be answered in the negative. This may all be thought a fanciful and far-fetched idea, but it may still interest and perchance profit us to call to mind some of the things which seem to point in this direction.

The expression "universality of Masonry" is, of course, brought to the attention of every initiate. The idea, however, that we desire to convey in this connection by the word universality is that the philosophy and teaching of Masonry consist only of those things that are, and must be, universally true,—that always have been, are now, and always will be true for all people, so long as time shall last; that Masonry subjects everything to this test, and declines to take jurisdiction wherever the test fails.

She puts this stamp on everything that properly belongs within her kingdom. Her laws must, of necessity, be stated in the most general terms. It is the universal that lives, and is not subject to change, like the eternal laws of God.

In all the marvelous discoveries in the scientific world it is assumed that the laws of nature remain ever the same. The laws which regulate the motions of the thousands of worlds around us are the same to-day as they were when men believed the world flat and the sun a red-hot ball that moved around the earth once in twenty-four hours and only a few miles away. To whatever height the human mind may reach, these laws or general forms will remain the same as they have been since the beginning of time. It is submitted that Masonry has to do only with these general forms; that the essence of her philosophy and teaching must be of this kind, or she would not, and could not, be what she pretends to be. She would have no place in the modern world, and little hope for any protracted existence. But precisely on account of the universal character of her philosophy and teaching, her place is the same as it always has been, and no matter what changes may come in the future, her system will always have a place.

Let us look at some of her peculiarities with this idea in mind.

The theory of Masonry is that it is not a development or growth. She assumes that she was born into the world perfect and complete, and can never be changed. Every Master must pledge himself to the proposition that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry; clearly implying that whatever she now is she must have been and will be for all time.

The claim of Masonry to great antiquity is another test of what she must be to avoid being self-contradictory. A great deal of ridicule

has been heaped upon some Masonic writers for claiming that Masonry has existed from the time of the flood, and even from the time that Adam walked in the garden of Eden. In a sense, this is all true. Wherever and whenever there was found a body of men on earth who taught the doctrine of one God and the immortality of the soul, and the results that flow from these two truths, they have taught Masonry. The old legends, as far back as they can be traced, teach that Masonry has been taught and practiced almost from the time that man first appeared on earth. The actual antiquity of Masonry as now organized, so far as this discussion is concerned, cuts no figure, the point being that, in order not to be self-contradictory, the assumption of this antiquity of origin necessarily involves the idea, assuming that she cannot change, that Masonry cannot and does not include anything that was not and has not been true for all people during all time.

Masonry insists that her landmarks cannot be changed. It argues nothing to say that Masons are not agreed on what these landmarks are. Brother Mackey, I believe, says that some writer, at some time, has denied the quality of being a landmark to every one that has been suggested as such, except one. The landmark on which all agree is that the landmarks cannot be changed. This one is sufficient for our purpose, as it is another declaration by Masonry that what she teaches must have this quality of universality. It must be true through all time and for all people.

Our attention is called early in our Masonic life to the form of the Lodge, and we are told that it is intended to teach the universality of Masonry. As described, it is a symbol of the universe. What is true in one part of the Lodge must be true in another. It is here suggested that Masonic charity should be equally extensive. I apprehend that this does not mean simply giving alms to the poor, but is the equivalent of brotherly love, so often referred to.

Masonry teaches her votaries in a language universal, by signs and symbols, the same for men of all times and tongues. Upon this the stamp is plainly marked. Is it a fanciful suggestion that the high place assigned to geometry is intended to impress upon the mind this same idea of universality?

In the charge at passing, the candidate is told that geometry is established as the basis of our art; that geometry and Masonry were originally synonymous terms; that it is of a divine and moral nature, etc., and demonstrates the important truths of morality. Why this reverence for geometry, and in what way does it suggest the divine and the moral more than some of the other sciences? May it not be, and is it not true, that this high place is given it because of the fact that universality is its distinguishing characteristic, it being the one science or system possessing that absolute, unqualified and universal certainty which Masonry assumes for her fundamental propositions,—

that there is one God, the Grand Architect of the universe, and that man has an immortal soul? The demonstrations of geometry (and under this is included all mathematical demonstrations; as we are told that it is the root of mathematics) are as absolutely true, and by us known so to be, at the point farthest distant in space, and have been and will be through all time as absolutely true as they are here and now. Geometry might properly be used as a symbol of universality. From this standpoint geometry does, in a peculiar sense, suggest the moral and divine laws, in that they are of universal application,—the same yesterday, to-day and forever, fixed and unchangeable, not subject to modification or improvement. The text-book written by a Greek 2,000 years ago has not been superseded.

On your passage to the middle chamber certain things that attracted your attention you were told denoted the universality of Masonry. This idea is again made prominent in the first paragraph of "The Charges of a Freemason," as printed in our monitors, which says: "But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was, yet 'tis now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished, whereby Masonry becomes the center of union and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance." We thus see that while in the ancient times referred to Masonry did not attempt to teach any particular religion, but charged its votaries in every country to be of the religion of that country, whatever it was, even this was deemed inexpedient, and they were obliged to that religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves.

The question is sometimes mooted as to whether or not Masonry is, or teaches, a religion. A correct statement of the case would seem to be that Masonry teaches religion, but not a religion. We are here met again with this idea of universality. It must be that religion in which all men agree. A definition of this religion must necessarily be such as would be good at all times and places, and under all circumstances, like a proposition in mathematics. If the assumption is true, that the whole philosophy of Masonry is based upon the two ideas,—that there is one God, the Grand Architect of the universe, and that man has an immortal soul,—it would seem that the religion that Masonry teaches is this: That a relation of some kind exists between man and his maker; that this relation requires a man to find out and do His will, so far as he can ascertain it. How he is to find out where this will has been revealed, and how or what it requires, Masonry does not undertake to say, "leaving their particular opinions to themselves," in the language quoted.

Whatever changes and mutations may take place in the thoughts and views of man, the teaching of Masonry must ever and always remain the same. It must be stated in such a way as to be true for every man throughout all time. We take it that the expression that Masonry is the handmaid of religion expresses the idea, which is this: Masonry says to her votary: "Accept such a revelation of the divine will as you believe to be true. I do not in the slightest degree presume to dictate what it shall be; but whatever it may be you are, as a Mason, bound to obey and conform to the precepts therein laid down."

This perhaps suggests the question of what place the Bible should occupy in our system. In our ritual in this country it holds a high place; but if we are to adhere to this idea of the universality of Masonry it may be well to recall to mind occasionally what place the Bible holds in Masonry.

The teachings of the Bible as such and because they are found in the Bible, do not, as we understand it, form any part of Masonry. As stated by Mackey: "The Bible is used among Masons as the symbol of the will of God, however it may be expressed, * * * * whether it be the Gospels to the Christian, the Pentateuch to the Israelite, the Koran to the Mussulman, or the Vedas to the Brahman; it everywhere conveys the same idea, that of the symbolism of the Divine will revealed to man." The same author says that in the oldest ritual that we have, which is that of 1724, there is no mention of the Bible as one of the lights; that it is referred to in the manuscripts before the revival as the book upon which the covenant was taken, but was never referred to as a "great light. The reprints of some half dozen of these old manuscripts which we have had an opportunity to examine do not, except in one instance, say what the book was that was used when the covenant was taken. For instance, in one, bearing date 1701, the wording is: "Then shall one of the most ancient of them all hold a Book that he or they may lay his or their hand or hands upon the said Book and these precepts following ought then to be read: Every man thatt is a Mason take heed right well of this charge. If you find yourself guilty of any of these, thatt you amend you again, and especially yee that are to be charged, take heed thatt you may keep this charge, for it is a great Perill for a man to forswear himself on a Book."

As suggested, in such copies as we have had an opportunity to examine, "for it is a great Perill for a man to forswear himself on a book," seems to be the established formula, one of these being a York manuscript, dated 1693. In this the wording is: "Then one of the elders taking the book and that hee or shee that is to be made Mason shall lay their hands thereon and the charge shall be given;" then follows the formula, "for it is a great Perill, &c, for a man to forswear himself on a book."

You will notice in passing that the wording is "hee or shee that is to be made, etc." Bro. Hughan, in his "History of Freemasonry

in York," referring to this, says: "We beg to draw special attention to the custom then prevalent of the Brethren and Sisters being "sworne upon a book." He explains that in early times women were admitted into the Mason's guild, but took no part in its administration or councils, and then says: "Bearing this in mind, the clause in the MS. of York, 1693, is fully explained, and is at once an evidence of its antiquity, as the custom to admit women into the guild appears gradually to have been discontinued as years rolled on." He further says: "It is the only Masonic MS. we know of that mentions such a clause for women." If any brother feels disposed to use this as an argument for extending the privileges of Masonry to women, on the theory of its universality, we refer him back to Brother Hughan who insists that, after all, women were not admitted into the mysteries of Masonry. The reading of the whole of this manuscript, however, might have a tendency to quiet the minds of some of the brethren who may be disposed to find fault with what is sometimes called "Female Masonry" in this later day.

But to return. In a York manuscript, dated 1704, the above formula seems to be changed, and the words "wholly scripture" substituted for "a booke." In the charges of a Freemason as settled and agreed upon at the time of the revival no mention is made of the Bible. All this certainly implies, if it does not prove, that the Bible from a Masonic standpoint is simply a symbol of the will of God, however it may be expressed, and was by our ancient brethren so regarded and treated.

By consenting that books which they believe taught falsehood concerning the Grand Architect of the Universe might properly be used in a Lodge room in place of one which they deemed divinely inspired, and which they believed contained the only true revelation of divine truth, it would seem that our ancient brethren intended to make prominent and emphatic the idea of the universality of the institution; that it was to remind us that the will of God is controlling, without attempting to teach what that will is or requires or how it is to be ascertained. The doctrine is given in the most general and universal form possible, that it may include every man on the face of the globe who believes simply that there is a Grand Architect of the Universe, and that man has an immortal soul. All this does not in the slightest degree interfere with the use which we make of the Bible in our ritual. We believe it to contain a true statement of the will of God. That being true, we are doing exactly what Masonry enjoins upon us to do.

Again, in the second paragraph of these charges, the universal character of Masonry is made prominent. Masonry lays little if any stress on state lines or political subdivisions, and, as we read the record, has nothing to do with the virtue of patriotism as commonly understood and insisted upon. Regarding the whole human race as one family, it is somewhat difficult to see what interest Masonry, or men in the character of Masons, can take in war, except to alleviate the sufferings caused thereby. It is enjoined upon us, of course, to be

peaceable subjects; not to be engaged "in plots and conspiracies against the government." Not that there is any particular virtue, from the standpoint of Masonry, in being loyal to the government under which we live, but because, to quote from the charges: "Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace, and hath always been injured by war, bloodshed and confusion." Then follows this singular provision: "So that if a brother should rebel against the state he is not to be countenanced in his rebellion; however, he may be pitied as an unhappy man, and if convicted of no other crime, though the loyal brotherhood must and ought to disown his rebellion, and give no umbrage or ground of political jealousy to the government for the time being, they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his relation to it remains indefeasible." The provision is singular in this: Treason is the highest crime known to the law,—the extreme opposite of patriotism; yet it is specifically singled out as the one offense, and the only one mentioned in these charges, on account of which a Mason cannot be expelled from his Lodge.

The sixth paragraph furnishes perhaps a reason for this which says: "Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nation, or state policy, we being only as Masons of the catholic religion above mentioned. We are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds, and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conducted to the welfare of the Lodge, and never will."

All this is strictly in accord with the idea that Masonry as such has nothing to say regarding any of the relations existing between man and man, except those which flow from the teaching, "By the exercise of Brotherly Love we are taught to regard the whole human species as one family, etc.," as laid down in our monitors.

As suggested, Masonry enjoins an obedience to the laws of the country in which we live, but the reasons given are rather those of policy than of duty. The duties that she makes prominent, and whose performance she insists upon for reasons Masonic, are those which flow from the God-created, and not man-created, relations; those which follow from the acceptance of the doctrine of the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man. As has been said, "Its structure is built upon the everlasting foundation of that God-given law—the brotherhood of man in the family whose Father is God." The law which Masonry recognizes and enforces is that law of which Hooker wrote: "Her seat is the bosom of God, and her voice the harmony of the world." She recognizes none but the universal, everlasting and eternal laws, and of such only the Grand Architect of the Universe is, or can be, the author. As has been well said, the preparation of the candidate for the mysteries of Masonry teaches, "that it is the man alone, divested of all outward recommendation of rank, state or riches, that Masonry accepts, and that it is his spiritual or moral worth alone which can open for him the door of the Masonic temple." Change is

written upon everything of human construction, and upon everything in the material world. But back of and behind all this are God and his laws and the soul of man. With these relations Masonry deals. The astronomer with his strongest telescope may sweep the heavens and say he finds no trace of God; the anatomist with his strongest microscope may say he finds no trace of a human soul; but to quote again from Fiske: "The conception of God as imminent in the world of phenomena, and manifested in every throb of its mighty rythmical life; the deity that Richard Hooker, prince of English churchmen, had in mind when he wrote of Natural Law,—that her seat is the bosom of God, and her voice the harmony of the world. With regard to this conception, the practical effect of the doctrine of evolution is not to abolish, but to strengthen and confirm it. For into whatever province of nature we carry our researches, the more deeply we penetrate into its laws and methods of action the more clearly do we see that all provinces of nature are parts of an organic whole, animated by a single principle of life that is infinite and eternal." It is with these principles, infinite and eternal, that Masonry has to do. Masonry, by the nature of her constitution and her chosen field must be and remain unchanged and unchangeable.

The practical application of all this is of course obvious. It is said the ideals rule the world, and we are told that "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Keeping constantly in mind the ideas suggested while engaged in Masonic work will certainly tend to give us a clearer idea of what we are doing, and of the kind of a temple we are building. Will it not make us more careful in the selection of our material, and incite us to greater care and diligence in putting it together? The spiritual building that each one is erecting for himself will bear the stamp of his thought. It is peculiarly true here that "As a man thinketh in his heart" so will be this spiritual building. By keeping this ideal in mind we keep Masonry pure, and, in a way, help bring about that ideal condition of things toward which its teachings point, and be less liable to be tempted to try to make innovations.

Masonry, then, has no report of progress to make, no new message to give the world, or the promise of any. The world has not outgrown her teachings, nor has she lost her place, nor is she likely to, till the grand doctrine of the brotherhood of man is universally recognized and acted upon, instead of being simply a beautiful theory; until the words "brotherly love," "relief" and "truth" make sweeter music for the ears of men than the triumphant blare of the trumpet telling of the defeat and slaughter of his fellows; until the "God of Nations" shall become the "God of Peace" instead of the "God of War;" nor until that white apron, emblem of purity and peace, shall be more highly honored by all the nations of the earth than the blood-stained banner of war. Then, but not till then, may her epitaph be written.

Jan. 17, 1890	J. A. Klester.....	87	Alphonso Barto*...	60	W. F. Dickinson..	91	Charles D. Boyce..	2	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54
Jan. 15, 1891	Alphonso Barto*...	60	W. F. Dickinson..	91	Charles D. Boyce..	91	H. C. Shepard....	18	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54
Jan. 14, 1892	Alphonso Barto*...	60	W. F. Dickinson..	91	C. L. Brown.....	133	Wm. B. Patton....	76	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54
Jan. 12, 1893	W. F. Dickinson..	91	C. L. Brown.....	133	Charles L. West..	39	J. D. Markham... 146	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54	
Jan. 11, 1894	C. L. Brown.....	133	Charles L. West..	39	J. F. Lewises....	3	A. T. Stebbins... 21	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54	
Jan. 17, 1895	C. L. Brown.....	133	J. F. Lewises....	3	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54	
Jan. 16, 1896	J. F. Lewises....	3	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54	
Jan. 14, 1897	J. F. Lewises....	3	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54	
Jan. 13, 1898	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54	
Jan. 12, 1899	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54	
Jan. 18, 1900	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	A. T. Stebbins... 21	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54	
Jan. 24, 1901	Gid S. Ives.....	64	Henry R. Adams, 124	W. A. McGonagie, 79	Enoch Stott.....	13	J. H. Thompson..	19	T. Thompson...	54		

*Deceased. †No session of Grand Lodge in 1892 or 1898. ‡Expelled. §Withdrawn. ¶Stricken from roll of lodge.

APPENDIX B.—DIRECTORY OF LODGES.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF CHARTER.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
1	St. Johns.	Stillwater.	Feb. 24, '53	W. C. Masterman.	Horace W. Davis.	Henry S. Smith.	Fred. A. Lenox.	1 and 3 Mon.
2	Catact.	Minneapolis.	" 24, '53	Geo. O. Voorhees.	Geo. N. Houghton.	Joseph S. Todd.	Solon Armstrong.	1 Sat.
3	St. Paul.	St. Paul.	" 24, '53	Henry K. Metcalf.	John G. Holman.	Joseph S. Todd.	Paul S. Hendrickson.	1 Sat.
4	Rennepin.	Minneapolis.	Jan. 2, '54	George Deutsch.	Thomas M. Read.	T. V. McLean.	Henry S. Mead.	2 and 4 Wed.
5	Ancient Landmark.	St. Paul.	" 3, '54	John C. Bennett.	Chas. D. Welch.	Geo. C. Knispel.	M. T. Emery.	2 and 4 Wed.
6	Dakota.	Hastings.	" 3, '54	A. E. Johnson.	Chas. W. Smith.	Alex. Brown.	E. D. Snires.	1 Mon.
7	Red Wing.	Faribault.	" 3, '54	Edwin H. Foot.	Manly T. Skewes.	Fred. D. Putnam.	C. H. Diepenbrock.	2 and 4 Mon.
8	Faribault.	Faribault.	Oct. 25, '55	F. E. Jenkins.	J. F. Redman.	W. E. Fryer.	D. E. Goodman.	2 and 4 Tues.
9	Mantorville.	Mankato.	" 6, '57	F. E. Burdick.	Henry R. Widell.	Frederick I. Searing.	J. E. Whitney.	2 and 4 Sat.
10	Mankato.	Mankato.	" 6, '57	Wm. F. Jewson.	Geo. R. Brown.	Herman Lawson.	C. J. Kenney.	1 and 3 Mon.
11	Mantorville.	Mankato.	" 6, '57	E. H. Sherwin.	Theo. F. Tilly.	H. N. Clary.	A. J. Stone.	1 and 3 Sat.
12	Wapahusa.	Monticello.	" 6, '57	Wm. F. Jewson.	J. D. Becker.	A. Demo.	Clemence Blume.	1 and 3 Tues.
13	Monticello.	Monticello.	" 6, '57	E. H. Sherwin.	J. D. Becker.	A. Demo.	W. S. Moe.	1 and 3 Tues.
14	Wapahusa.	Monticello.	" 6, '57	E. H. Sherwin.	J. D. Becker.	A. Demo.	W. S. Moe.	1 and 3 Tues.
15	Hokah.	Hokah.	" 6, '57	A. M. Buford.	W. J. Smith.	W. H. Laird.	Joseph J. Hillmer.	1 and 3 Tues.
16	Minona.	Minona.	" 6, '57	A. M. Buford.	W. J. Smith.	W. H. Laird.	H. M. Myers.	1 and 3 Tues.
17	Minneapolis.	Minneapolis.	" 7, '58	H. W. Hain.	C. J. Sawyer.	C. R. Smith.	F. R. Williams.	1 and 3 Wed.
18	Minneapolis.	Minneapolis.	" 7, '58	H. W. Hain.	C. J. Sawyer.	C. R. Smith.	F. R. Williams.	1 and 3 Wed.
19	Minneapolis.	Minneapolis.	" 7, '58	H. W. Hain.	C. J. Sawyer.	C. R. Smith.	F. R. Williams.	1 and 3 Wed.
20	Calcedonia.	Calcedonia.	" 7, '58	L. W. Emery.	D. C. Rhines.	Geo. D. Duxbury.	W. W. Churchill.	2 and 4 Mon.
21	Rochester.	Rochester.	" 8, '58	C. E. Callaghan.	Geo. B. Doty.	Geo. D. Parmele.	W. W. Churchill.	2 and 4 Mon.
22	Pleasant Grove.	Pleasant Grove.	" 8, '58	John Kendall.	Milton Page.	Geo. Fordham.	Clarence L. Denny.	1 and 3 Tues.
23	North Star.	North Star.	" 8, '58	Howard Lufkin.	Wm. H. Thompson.	James E. Jenks.	John C. Munro.	1 and 3 Tues.
24	Wilton.	Wilton.	" 8, '58	H. W. Gates.	Chas. La Du.	L. Scriber.	Emerson Gates.	1 and 3 Tues.
25	Alma City.	Alma City.	" 8, '58	H. W. Gates.	Chas. La Du.	L. Scriber.	O. J. Wulff.	1 and 3 Tues.
26	Western Star.	Western Star.	Oct. 27, '58	G. W. Geesey.	B. O. Esping.	E. L. Allen.	I. H. Sherin.	1 and 3 Tues.
27	Blue Earth Valley.	Albert Lea.	" 27, '58	F. E. Crandall.	L. L. Edmunds.	George Ring.	Frank L. Smith.	1 and 3 Tues.
28	Clear Water.	Clear Water.	" 27, '58	W. A. Shaw.	A. L. Doeg.	Thos. J. Abbott.	Frank R. Smith.	1 and 3 Tues.
29	Morning Star.	La Crescent.	" 28, '59	Joseph Rohlfad.	Wm. M. Selby.	Peter Nelson.	Oliver F. Warnes.	1 and 3 Tues.
30	Anoka.	Anoka.	" 28, '59	Barkley Varner.	George O. Orr.	B. L. Blair.	Wm. J. Berner.	1 and 3 Tues.
31	King Hram.	King Hram.	" 24, '60	C. H. Bliss.	L. L. Blair.	A. E. Sebelin.	Henry A. Engler.	2 and 4 Fri.
32	Sakatah.	Sakatah.	" 24, '60	C. J. Balch.	Otto H. Doebler.	Chas. Lano.	Wm. J. Berner.	2 and 4 Fri.
33	Star in the East.	Star in the East.	" 24, '60	Edward A. Dibble.	Chas. Lano.	Chas. Lano.	John A. Wilson.	1 and 4 Mon.
34	Orient.	Orient.	" 24, '60	Axel Johnson.	A. M. Hayes.	G. W. Preston.	S. B. Rude.	1 and 4 Mon.
35	Mount Moriah.	Mount Moriah.	" 24, '60	K. W. Buell.	A. B. Smith.	G. W. Preston.	S. B. Rude.	1 and 4 Mon.
36	Preston.	Preston.	" 23, '61	Wesley Prentiss.	W. D. Heyward.	Chas. Linsted.	C. A. Smith.	2 and 4 Wed.
37	Mystic Tie.	Mystic Tie.	" 23, '61	D. C. Smith.	Jesse Kirkland.	Chas. Linsted.	C. A. Smith.	2 and 4 Wed.
38	Washington.	Washington.	" 23, '61	John H. Anderson.	John H. Robertson.	Frank W. Benjamin.	J. W. Miller.	1 and 3 Sat.
39	Fidelity.	Fidelity.	" 23, '61	Theo. A. Carr.	R. A. W. McLeod.	Wm. J. Fladwed.	Parke Goodwin.	1 and 3 Sat.
40	Carmelan.	Carmelan.	" 28, '63	E. S. Person.	J. C. Powers.	H. E. Weisse.	Valentine Recker.	1 and 3 Tues.
41	Hermion.	Hermion.	" 28, '63	Cyril M. Tift.	O. P. Simons.	Wallace L. Tift.	D. B. Scofield.	1 and 3 Tues.
42	Hope.	Hope.	" 28, '63	Cyril M. Tift.	O. P. Simons.	Wallace L. Tift.	Chas. V. Corson.	1 and 3 Tues.

43	Harmony.....	Lewis J. Baldwin.....	J. F. Peters.....	J. F. Madden.....	O. W. Hunt.....	1 and 3 Mon.
44	King Solomon.....	Le Sheer.....	I. R. Buchanan.....	N. S. Schaefer.....	C. C. Storer.....	2 and 3 Sat.
45	Union.....	H. F. Wais.....	D. D. Sykes.....	James Goble.....	Henry J. Dane.....	1 and 3 Tues.
46	Evergreen.....	C. A. Ferguson.....	Red Randall.....	K. J. Walker.....	H. B. Clawson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
47	Cleveland.....	George Sampson.....	Milton A. Hill.....	J. H. Clark.....	W. O. Stoney.....	1 and 3 Sat.
48	Northfield.....	E. G. Rudell.....	W. F. Manhart.....	J. M. Jack.....	D. D. Turner.....	1 and 3 Mon.
49	St. Charles.....	Chas. H. Robbins.....	H. B. Tuttle.....	A. F. Kriebler.....	R. A. Johnson.....	1 and 3 Tues.
50	Watertown.....	Guy E. Halgren.....	H. A. Malsed.....	J. B. Light.....	C. G. Halgren.....	1 and 3 Tues.
51	Cottage Grove.....	Irving I. Morcy.....	Myron L. Gage.....	Louis J. Crippen.....	Peter Thompson.....	1 and 3 Tues.
52	Mastown.....	George Molm.....	W. L. Eddy.....	John M. Rohrer.....	H. D. Widrick.....	1 and 3 Tues.
53	St. Peter.....	Frank Ransom.....	Elmer E. Miller.....	H. A. Hildebrandt.....	Robert Scott.....	1 and 3 Tues.
54	Taylor's Falls.....	Kolia E. Sevey.....	Geo. W. Leske.....	Hans Thoen.....	Geo. W. Seymour.....	2 and 4 Wed.
55	Chaffield.....	Chas. M. Cooper.....	E. W. Rossman.....	Chas. L. Thurber.....	W. H. Silsbee.....	1 and 3 Sat.
56	Blue Earth.....	M. V. Carpenter.....	C. N. Brown.....	A. E. Champney.....	F. A. Ross.....	1 and 3 Tues.
57	Spring Valley.....	Benj. F. Farmer.....	Roy Viall.....	H. E. Leach.....	H. H. Markusen.....	1 and 3 Tues.
58	Hutchinson.....	Carlos Avery.....	Sam'l Fickling.....	H. H. Penoyer.....	E. J. Stearns.....	1 and 3 Tues.
59	Sauk Center.....	W. J. Henshaw.....	J. W. Ward.....	M. E. Webb.....	P. Lamb.....	2 and 4 Mon.
60	Ryota.....	Harrie E. Blair.....	Chas. J. Seymour.....	Frank O. Wood.....	Chas. W. Matteson.....	1 and 3 Mon.
61	Rockford.....	F. H. Johnson.....	O. W. Crawford.....	Geo. Frederick.....	Geo. O. Crandall.....	1 and 3 Tues.
62	Plainview.....	Geo. F. Sylvester.....	Harry D. Smith.....	E. C. Ellis.....	Loyal D. Colby.....	1 and 3 Tues.
63	Farmonet.....	Malcolm Aldrich.....	E. N. Chute.....	A. A. Horton.....	J. G. Mitchell.....	2 and 4 Tues.
64	Lakeland.....	C. V. Holmstrom.....	Henry Tyler.....	A. A. Davis.....	Albert Dickinson.....	2 and 4 Tues.
65	Madelia.....	J. E. Haycraft.....	T. W. Pearl.....	L. A. Stone.....	W. J. McCarthy.....	1 and 3 Wed.
66	Corinthian.....	E. L. Brackett.....	O. S. Lundberg.....	W. W. Amidon.....	H. H. Judson.....	1 and 3 Tues.
67	Farmington.....	John Martin.....	James G. Robertson.....	W. H. Stage.....	E. A. Sykes.....	1 and 3 Tues.
68	Rushford.....	Henry A. Wells.....	Chas. F. Malm.....	James H. Boylan, Jr.....	Albert E. Bugbie.....	1 and 3 Sat.
69	New Paynesville.....	John Thompson.....	Harcor Lyons.....	Joseph J. Phillips.....	Orlando C. La Bar.....	2 and 4 Sat.
70	Lansing.....	C. E. McCan.....	T. C. Beck.....	W. F. McCan.....	E. M. Winslow.....	2 and 4 Sat.
71	Brownsville.....	Geo. W. Palmer.....	John R. Anderson.....	Ferd. O. Wells.....	J. M. Wyckoff.....	1 and 3 Tues.
72	Le Roy.....	W. A. Wilsie.....	Frank E. Garner.....	Chas. F. Ulrich.....	A. W. Anderson.....	1 and 3 Tues.
73	Good Thunder.....	Fred. M. Curtis.....	Clarence C. Graham.....	O. C. Oleson.....	Walter Child.....	2 and 4 Fri.
74	Waseca.....	H. Harris.....	H. Smith.....	W. W. Parish.....	C. C. Barton.....	2 and 4 Fri.
75	Houston.....	Henry Nesbit.....	Wm. H. Hoyt.....	Arthur P. Cook.....	Fred. A. Kennedy.....	1 and 3 Mon.
76	Duluth.....	Frederick C. Raiter.....	Wm. F. Basel.....	R. Schwartz.....	W. F. Basel.....	1 and 3 Sat.
77	Henderson.....	August E. Anderson.....	A. G. Moffatt.....	H. Timmons.....	Joseph J. Volker.....	2 and 4 Wed.
78	Constellation.....	David W. Robinson.....	James G. Gleason.....	Geo. W. Gore.....	K. S. Nichols.....	1 and 3 Wed.
79	Howard Lake.....	Wm. F. Brown.....	N. W. Reese.....	E. G. Campbell.....	Albert G. Larson.....	1 and 3 Sat.
80	Kasson.....	E. L. Ford.....	R. F. Drake.....	J. O. Robertson.....	E. G. Armstrong.....	1 and 3 Sat.
81	Money Creek.....	Wm. D. Udel.....	R. F. Drake.....	W. G. Pratt.....	O. G. Nichols.....	1 and 3 Tues.
82	High Forest.....	Wm. D. Ioubert.....	C. P. Randall.....	F. V. Cummings.....	John A. Klawisch.....	2 and 4 Fri.
83	Mazeppa.....	W. R. Caswell.....	Geo. W. Dickinson.....	Fred. L. Warner.....	N. V. K. Hunter.....	1 and 3 Wed.
84	Wells.....	A. L. Caswell.....	B. D. Grant.....	W. M. Vanaustrine.....	Wm. Ordiner.....	2 and 4 Wed.
85	Litchfield.....	A. L. Smitten.....	A. E. Tucker.....	W. O. Brodhead.....	W. H. Fletcher.....	1 and 3 Sat.
86	Jackson.....					
87	Redwood Falls.....					
88	Princeton.....					
89	Sauk Rapids.....					
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APPENDIX B.—DIRECTORY OF LODGES.—Continued.

NO.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	DATE OF CHARTER.	WORKSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.	SECRETARY.	TIME OF MEETING.
94	Keystone.....	Sleepy Eye.....	Jan. 10, '72	L. C. Hansen.....	W. M. Murfin.....	A. Davey.....	T. F. Talbot.....	1 and 8 Tues.
95	Lherburne.....	Elk River.....	" 10, '72	W. G. Merrifield.....	F. D. Waterman.....	M. Casey.....	I. S. Gurney.....	1 and 8 Tues.
96	Libanus.....	St. James.....	" 15, '73	Andrew Sturm.....	E. A. Smith.....	Chas. Engelbrecht.....	W. S. Crowley.....	2 and 4 Tues.
97	Prudence.....	Windom.....	" 15, '73	A. F. Strunk.....	E. A. Smith.....	F. J. Carpenter.....	Nels Anderson.....	1 and 3 Wed.
98	Charity.....	New Ulm.....	" 15, '73	Henry N. Somesen.....	F. H. Henke.....	N. Henningsen.....	G. Schmidt.....	2 and 4 Tues.
99	Corner Stone.....	Fergus Falls.....	" 15, '73	W. J. Farrell.....	E. A. Brown.....	John R. Leach.....	G. F. Brown.....	1 Tues.
100	Aurora.....	Brainerd.....	" 15, '73	James C. Durfee.....	Edward Crust.....	John R. Leach.....	R. E. Mitchell.....	2 and 4 Tues.
101	Fraternity.....	Worthington.....	" 15, '73	W. R. Henry.....	Harvey Hawley.....	W. E. Bloom.....	Reagan B. Plotts.....	1 and 3 Mon.
102	Lebanon.....	Lanesboro.....	" 15, '73	F. G. Hardy.....	E. C. Bean.....	B. E. Eldred.....	M. G. Fellows.....	1 and 3 Mon.
103	Bethel.....	Lake Crystal.....	" 15, '73	W. R. Robinson.....	F. C. Hamlin.....	J. C. Hughes.....	F. J. Burke.....	1 and 3 Wed.
104	Sharon.....	Willmar.....	" 15, '73	W. R. Robinson.....	R. F. Spicer.....	J. C. Hughes.....	Mason W. Spicer.....	2 and 4 Tues.
105	Mt. Tabor.....	Detroit.....	" 14, '74	Casper Wackman.....	S. A. Chalmers.....	J. M. Conell.....	Chas. G. Sturtevant.....	2 and 4 Fri.
106	Relief.....	Dodge Center.....	" 14, '74	F. S. Allen.....	A. S. Palmerlee.....	C. K. Cull.....	R. M. Gansby.....	2 and 3 Sat.
107	Sunset.....	Montevideo.....	" 14, '74	C. A. Fosnes.....	H. W. Hendrickson.....	C. K. Baker.....	I. E. Ryan.....	2 and last Fri.
108	Pickwick.....	Carver.....	" 13, '75	H. W. Steadman.....	Chas. D. Suftrins.....	Thos. J. Johnston.....	Thos. B. Rand.....	2 and 3 Sat.
109	Carver.....	Minneapolis.....	" 13, '75	Geo. H. Caspari.....	Jacob Bristle.....	Fred. C. Johnson.....	O. C. Brunius.....	2 and 3 Sat.
110	Excelsior.....	Excelsior.....	" 13, '75	George H. Daggett.....	H. B. Marchbank.....	George W. Stiles.....	D. W. Knowlton.....	2 and 4 Fri.
111	Ben Franklin.....	Luverne.....	" 13, '75	John Kelley.....	John Thurston.....	K. A. Davidson.....	Byron D. Wilson.....	2 and 4 Fri.
112	Excelsior.....	Excelsior.....	" 13, '75	Geo. P. Dickinson.....	L. L. Bryan.....	E. A. B. Stephan.....	C. H. Humphrey.....	1 and 8 Fri.
113	Elgin.....	Brownsville.....	" 12, '76	John W. Bryant.....	Wm. P. Holton.....	H. A. Waen.....	C. L. Richardson.....	1 and 8 Tues.
114	Lafayette.....	Newport.....	" 12, '76	D. L. Tanner.....	T. F. Bacon.....	S. Wintner.....	W. J. Foster.....	1 and 8 Tues.
115	Granite.....	Marshall.....	" 12, '76	M. C. Sullivan.....	A. H. Jones.....	H. M. Tuell.....	W. J. Rice.....	1 and 8 Tues.
116	Newport.....	Grand Meadow.....	" 12, '76	John D. Carroll.....	H. A. Jones.....	H. W. Humphrey.....	S. H. Harrington.....	2 and 4 Wed.
117	Delta.....	Kellogg.....	" 12, '76	Wm. A. Nolan.....	Geo. W. Day.....	Phillip T. Elliott.....	Philip Schleiger.....	2 and 4 Fri.
118	Grand Meadow.....	Blooming Pr.....	" 12, '76	E. J. Parker.....	J. C. Peterson.....	Arthur M. Phelps.....	H. W. Canfield.....	2 and 4 Sat.
119	Kellogg.....	Janesville.....	" 12, '76	G. H. Johnson.....	J. C. Peterson.....	I. E. Vebien.....	A. S. Hancock.....	2 and 4 Tues.
120	Prairie.....	Osseo.....	" 12, '76	M. A. Devereaux.....	C. T. Wadsworth.....	E. E. Rogers.....	Geo. F. Canfield.....	2 and 4 Wed.
121	Janesville.....	Osseo.....	" 10, '77	L. Schwappach.....	W. A. Robertson.....	E. N. Wade.....	Wm. Krueger.....	2 and 4 Tues.
122	Winlow Lewis.....	Maplehead.....	" 10, '77	Geo. Sheffield.....	Hugh M. Quinn.....	Christian J. Laurich.....	O. T. Borren.....	1 and 3 Tues.
123	Moorehead.....	Maplehead.....	" 10, '77	Robert Little.....	M. Romsdahl.....	B. G. Covey.....	Robt. Sutherland.....	2 and 4 Tues.
124	Josephine.....	Benson.....	" 10, '77	W. R. Smith.....	Gustav Lenth.....	B. M. Johnson.....	C. H. Colby.....	2 and 4 Tues.
125	Swift.....	Lytle.....	" 10, '77	W. F. Cobb.....	Christ. Hansen.....	I. W. Truere.....	F. L. Stanley.....	1 and 8 Sat.
126	Alma.....	Young America.....	" 16, '78	Wm. P. Fowler.....	H. C. Ackermann.....	Royal A. Sane.....	O. A. Brandt.....	2 and 4 Sat.
127	Humboldt.....	Morris.....	" 16, '78	Wm. P. Fowler.....	Fred. E. Smith.....	J. N. Hendrickson.....	Peter W. Ross.....	1 and 8 Sat.
128	Glen Sheaf.....	Cokato.....	" 15, '79	John A. Stanberg.....	Sam'l Johnson.....	John C. Nugent.....	John A. Ekland.....	2 and 4 Sat.
129	Cokato.....	Buffalo.....	" 15, '79	W. W. Thomson.....	Henry B. Griffling.....		S. R. Wells.....	2 and 4 Mon.

136	Walnut	F. W. Damp	S. S. Bolden	W. A. Masters	1 and 8 Tues.
137	Appleton	Peter Wang	Geo. M. Dow	Manford Horn	2 and 4 Sat.
138	Orion	Louis E. Covell	Peter Bogle	Frank L. Salter	2 and 4 Sat.
139	Verdale	Geo. E. Merrill	D. W. Seal	Ernest Proctor	1 and 8 Tues.
140	Little Falls	H. N. Harding	E. S. Lewis	E. S. Stanton	2 and 4 Tues.
141	Crookston	Joseph Smith	John M. Richards	H. R. Robertson	2 and 4 Mon.
142	Currie	Lewis G. Gates	Charles N. Smith	W. H. Mellen	1 and 8 Sat.
143	Lakeview	H. C. Zivner	E. N. Merrill	Albert Farrington	1 and 8 Sat.
144	Bird Island	W. B. Whitney	Carl F. Netzel	J. N. Gouyer	2 and 4 Sat.
145	Melrose	John H. Hanson	Philip Helmer	John Nickelson	2 and 4 Fri.
146	Penton	T. F. McKee	Chas. E. Farrar	M. S. Nickelson	1 and 8 Fri.
147	Quarry	Frank Mann	Max Menzel	James E. Craig	1 and 8 Mon.
148	Guardian	W. J. Brown	Geo. K. Butler	A. L. Brown	1 and 8 Wed.
149	Warren	W. C. Odell	D. Farrell	F. W. Flanders	2 and 8 Wed.
150	Shaska	C. O. Fenstermaker	Edmund Salter	John F. Root	1 and 8 Wed.
151	Kodanya	James C. Crerar	Geo. Harrison	Julius Schendel	1 and 8 Tues.
152	Frontier	Peter Sharpe	Wm. K. Getman	Fred. V. Dale	2 and 4 Tues.
153	Kodanya	Warren E. Parker	Louis Hintze	Kollin Mofatt	1 and 8 Wed.
154	Norman	John Pritchett	Wm. D. Haycock	Harper Workman	1 and 8 Fri.
155	Tracy	Geo. F. Bartlett	John L. Johnson	Ulysses G. Boyer	2 and 4 Sat.
156	Wadena	Geo. F. Bartlett	E. G. Hagquist	Michael Poppler	2 and 4 Sat.
157	Perham	B. F. Van Valkenburg	John E. Withers	A. B. Anderson	2 and 4 Mon.
158	Hector	P. M. Hall	Wm. T. Coe	R. H. Harkins	2 and 4 Fri.
159	Long Prairie	J. N. Thomas	Wm. Kerr	Geo. W. Hall	1 and 3 Mon.
160	Plymouth	Hiram H. Bingham	J. T. Christison	D. W. Shear	1 and 3 Tues.
161	Sincerity	Eugene Riggs	J. T. Christison	W. H. Townsend	2 and 4 Tues.
162	Prescott	Henry M. Tusler	John H. McDonald	Robert B. Ware	2 and 4 Fri.
163	Summit	Henry R. Berg	John H. McDonald	Chas. E. Elmquist	1 and 8 Sat.
164	Jasper	Henry R. Berg	Wm. G. Stranahan	H. S. Goff	2 and 4 Tues.
165	Minnehaha	Herbert P. Porter	Chas. W. Snyder	Daniel Getty	2 and 4 Ths.
166	Garnet	H. M. Griffin	M. E. Wheeler	Ben. Baker	1 and 8 Wed.
167	Agate	Carlton E. Kimble	S. S. Hesselgrave	Geo. W. Heaton	1 and 8 Tues.
168	Braden	Robert Patterson	O. J. Asmott	A. Baptie	1 and 8 Tues.
169	Pierson	Wm. D. Spear	Albin Opple	James McDiarmid	1 and 3 Tues.
170	Fulda	Willis A. Maxwell	John B. Sackett	Charles C. Sharp	1 and 3 Mon.
171	Shekinah	Fred. B. Smith	John Holman	C. J. Orton	2 and 4 Ths.
172	Marietta	Carlton E. Kimble	Chas. L. Spaulding	Nelson Sutton	2 and 4 Sat.
173	Valley	W. J. Wilson	O. J. Jones	W. F. Daugherty	1 and 3 Ths.
174	Roman Eagle	Clarence Swanman	E. J. Jones	Thos. G. Newell	1 and 3 Wed.
175	Adrian	Robert G. Gault	Frank B. Messer	Henry A. Hamlin	1 and 3 Mon.
176	Ark.	E. E. Chard	J. N. Schram	F. J. Whitlock	2 and 4 Wed.
177	Rough Ashler	Jewett N. Carnes	Chas. F. Conner	Albert E. Joslin	2 and 4 Sat.
178	Anchor	D. L. Owens	O. C. Engle	H. Taylor	2 and 4 Sat.
179	King David	Knute Swore	F. B. Cannada	S. J. Lyons	2 and 4 Sat.
180	Osakis	Chas. B. Watkins	Louis G. Johnson	Alden R. Batson	1 and 8 Ths.
181	Dalles				

74	Minneka	Minneka	Wabasha	15, '69	Charter surrendered in 1873.
75	Yellowstone	Fort Buford	Dakota Ter	15, '69	Charter destroyed by fire in 1881, and not re-issued.
76	Shiloh	Fargo	Dakota Ter	16, '72	Charter surrendered June 6, 1874; members mostly soldiers.
77	Adoniram	Dover	Olmsted	14, '74	Permission given to transfer to Grand Lodge of North Dakota in January, 1880.
78	Bismarck	Bismarck	Dakota Ter	14, '74	Charter surrendered in November, 1880.
79	Centennial	Delano	Wright	11, '78	Transferred allegiance to Grand Lodge of North Dakota in December, 1880.
80	Arcturus	Red Wing	Goodhue	10, '77	Charter arrested in September, 1886, and never restored.
81	Pelican Rapids	Pelican Rapids	Otter Tail	15, '73	Consolidated with No. 8, April 21, 1897.
82				16, '90	Charter forfeited Jan. 10, 1896, and surrendered Sept. 6, 1896.

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																	For 1900.	Paid Grand Secretary.				
1	St. Johns.....	Stillwater.....	169	7	20	18	4	1	11	4	13			5	9	171	\$80.00	\$80.00		\$891	\$3,377	\$500
2	Catact.....	Minneapolis.....	374	83	37	42	7	2	51	8	13			5	21	884	198.40	198.40	100	115,900	1,000	
3	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	292	83	37	42	7	2	51	11	19			10	19	824	221.20	221.20	1,144	8,321		
4	Hennepin.....	Minneapolis.....	411	97	6	2	2	2	6	9	12			7	57	885	168.60	168.60	1,200	6,362		
5	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	480	9	11	10	9	1	9	16	12			6	84	466	208.40	208.40	1,354	16,270		
6	St. Paul.....	St. Paul.....	480	9	11	10	9	1	9	16	12			6	84	466	208.40	208.40	1,354	16,270		
7	Dakota.....	Hastings.....	108	7	8	7	3	1	11	3	2			3	4	109	53.80	53.80	118	2,353	110	
8	Red Wing.....	Red Wing.....	129	6	7	10	3	1	15	3	7			3	5	135	68.80	68.80	361	4,068	1,325	
9	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	147	6	4	4	4	1	10	2	1			3	5	150	82.00	82.00	361	4,068	1,325	
10	Faribault.....	Faribault.....	147	6	4	4	4	1	10	2	1			3	5	150	82.00	82.00	361	4,068	1,325	
11	Mankato.....	Mankato.....	53	6	4	4	4	1	10	2	1			3	5	150	82.00	82.00	361	4,068	1,325	
12	Wapahosa.....	Wapahosa.....	144	4	4	4	4	1	10	2	1			3	5	150	82.00	82.00	361	4,068	1,325	
13	Monticello.....	Monticello.....	64	2	3	1	3	1	5	1				1	3	65	37.20	37.20	91	1,273	150	
14	Hokah.....	Hokah.....	65	2	3	1	3	1	5	1				1	3	65	37.20	37.20	91	1,273	150	
15	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
16	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
17	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
18	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
19	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
20	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
21	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
22	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
23	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
24	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
25	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
26	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
27	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
28	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
29	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
30	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
31	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
32	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
33	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
34	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
35	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
36	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
37	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
38	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
39	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		
40	Winona.....	Winona.....	254	81	30	30	8	1	59	2	3			1	1	286	189.00	189.00	174	12,188		

210	Columbian.....	Heron Lake.....	"	11, 94	John L. Gessell.....	L. H. Dudley.....	F. R. Hansen.....	K. C. Buckeye.....	2 and 4 wed.
211	Friendship.....	Graceville.....	"	11, 94	Edward C. Baird.....	Wm. H. Valency.....	Chas. D. Coffey.....	Wm. Cox.....	1 and 3 Wed.
212	Hallock.....	Hallock.....	"	11, 94	John H. Shaw.....	Norman Jensen.....	James K. Gray.....	Goodman Goodman.....	1 and 3 Tues.
213	Mystic.....	Aitkin.....	"	17, 95	Geo. T. Williams.....	Freeman E. Kitch.....	Carlton Graves.....	Wm. H. Harrison.....	1 and 3 Fri.
214	Evansville.....	Evansville.....	"	17, 95	C. W. Mickstroth.....	P. J. Wranzaborg.....	C. M. Borgen.....	O. A. Felt.....	2 and 4 Tues.
215	Argyle.....	Argyle.....	"	17, 95	Thos. T. Clark.....	James Foreman.....	C. W. Moline.....	David Coutts, Jr.....	1 and 3 Tues.
216	Florence.....	Wood Lake.....	"	16, 96	Erick Johnson.....	J. P. Hauck.....	J. T. Gill.....	C. W. Collins.....	1 and 3 Tues.
217	Capital City.....	St. Paul.....	"	16, 96	Eugene W. McCord.....	Chas. Mitchell.....	M. S. Vandressar.....	George H. Garner.....	1 and 3 Tues.
218	Grissold.....	Dassel.....	"	14, 97	E. E. McGrew.....	C. D. Brown.....	I. I. Levenze.....	E. J. Russell.....	1 and 3 Mon.
219	Mt. Hernon.....	Hancock.....	"	14, 97	F. Wilcox.....	J. Atz.....	S. B. Pape.....	R. N. Smith.....	1 and 3 Mon.

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																	For 1900.	Paid Grand Secretary.			
92	Fraternal.....	Princeton.....	62	2	1	3	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	62	\$23.60	\$23.60	\$89	\$883	
93	Unity.....	Sauk Rapids.....	54	3	1	3	1	1	4	3	1	1	1	1	3	50	24.40	24.40	262	380	.....
94	Keystone.....	Sleepy Eye.....	63	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	50	20.20	20.20	100	13,648	.....
95	Sherburne.....	Sik River.....	64	1	4	4	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	60	24.20	24.20	96	1,027	867
96	Libanus.....	St. James.....	59	1	3	3	1	1	4	2	1	1	1	1	3	60	31.80	31.80	251	343	12
97	Prudence.....	Windom.....	81	1	3	3	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	3	84	41.20	41.20	340	12,953	.....
98	Charity.....	New Ulm.....	64	1	3	3	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	3	72	44.80	44.80	116	15,893	1,387
99	Corner Stone.....	Bergus Falls.....	93	1	3	3	1	1	8	3	2	1	1	1	3	102	42.60	42.60	100	575	250
100	Aurora.....	Brainerd.....	149	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	156	84.60	84.60	318	2,123	.....
101	Fraternity.....	Worthington.....	90	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	62	28.20	28.20	160	872	.....
102	Lebanon.....	Lanesboro.....	82	2	2	2	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	3	68	32.40	32.40	150	1,015	.....
103	Bethel.....	Lake Crystal.....	99	2	2	4	3	1	12	1	14	1	1	2	11	77	38.20	38.20	150	1,015	.....
104	William.....	Willmar.....	165	3	4	4	3	1	17	9	9	1	2	2	5	112	63.20	63.20	236	1,048	.....
105	Sham.....	Detroit.....	82	3	3	3	1	1	4	3	3	1	1	1	3	73	36.60	36.60	183	987	.....
106	Relief.....	Dodge Center.....	63	1	3	3	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	3	98	52.40	51.20	50	12,950	.....
107	Montevideo.....	Montevideo.....	60	1	3	3	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	3	52	26.80	26.80	120	354	100
108	Pickwick.....	Pickwick.....	81	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	52	15.60	15.60	59	2,477	.....
109	Carver.....	Carver.....	370	17	17	17	5	2	13	7	7	1	3	3	10	578	182.00	182.00	1,340	4,108	21
110	Karum.....	Minneapolis.....	43	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	32	36.00	36.00	61	438	29
111	Excelsior.....	Excelsior.....	58	2	2	2	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	3	46	36.00	36.00	92	548	80
112	Ben Franklin.....	Luverne.....	43	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	46	36.00	36.00	123	396	.....
113	Elgin.....	Elgin.....	43	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	46	36.00	36.00	30	12,385	1,500
114	Lafayette.....	Brownsville.....	53	2	2	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	46	36.00	36.00	140	105	92
115	Granite.....	Granite Falls.....	48	1	3	3	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	3	47	27.20	27.20	80	749	.....
116	Newport.....	Newport.....	45	4	3	3	2	1	9	3	3	1	1	1	3	47	27.20	27.20	300	1,100	100
117	Delta.....	Marshall.....	110	3	3	3	2	1	9	3	3	1	1	1	3	111	60.00	60.00	300	1,100	.....
118	Grand Meadow.....	Grand Meadow.....	54	6	6	6	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	93	22.00	22.00	100	1,200	.....
119	Kellogg.....	Kellogg.....	18	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	23	21.00	21.00	13	184	.....
120	Frairie.....	Blooming P.....	35	3	3	3	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	33	21.00	21.00	150	450	.....
121	Janesville.....	Janesville.....	64	3	3	3	1	1	6	1	1	1	1	1	3	68	21.00	21.00	150	450	.....
122	Winslow Lewis.....	Osseo.....	51	3	3	3	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	3	58	25.00	25.00	237	544	150
123	Moorehead.....	Moorehead.....	47	3	3	3	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	3	48	26.40	26.40	269	1,289	.....
124	Mapleton.....	Mapleton.....	73	4	4	4	1	1	9	1	1	1	1	1	3	65	23.80	23.80	120	1,313	1,750
125	Swift.....	Benson.....	49	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	48	23.80	23.80	120	1,313	
126	Alma.....	Lyle.....	67	6	3	4	1	1	1	3	3	1	1	2	3	66	35.00	34.20	138	620	

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APPENDIX C.—ABSTRACT OF LODGE RETURNS FOR 1900.—Continued.

Number.	NAME OF LODGE.	LOCATION.	Members Jan. 1, 1900.					Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.	Joined.	Restored.	Total Gain.	Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	FEES AND DUES.		Lodge Dues Unpaid.	Other Lodge Assets.	Lodge Liabilities.
			Members Jan. 1, 1900.	Initiated.	Pas- sed.	Raised.	Joined.												Restored.	Total Gain.				Withdrawn.	Stricken from Roll.	Expelled.	Died.	Total Loss.	Members Jan. 1, 1901.	For 1900.	Paid Grand Secretary.
178	Anchor.....	Royalton.....	35	2	2	1							3	1	1			1		\$19.60	\$80	\$120	\$86
179	King David.....	Elmore.....	46	1	1									2	1	2		4		17.00	185	109	
180	Osakis.....	Osakis.....	38																	15.40	71	485	
181	Dalles.....	Cloquet.....	73	1	1	1							6	1	1		1	9		43.60	425	435	1,500
182	Fair Haven.....	Annandale.....	39	1	1	1							2	1	1			9		15.80	110	433	
183	Shell.....	Park Rapids.....	51	1	1	1							2	1	1			5		32.00	192	476	
184	Midway.....	St. Paul.....	19	1	1	1							2	1	1		1	1		45.20	175	1,880	
185	Ionic.....	Duluth.....	164	13	14	4							9	4	8			15		100.80	510	783	
186	Arcana.....	Minneapolis.....	83	14	11	4							18	1	1					68.00	164	1,461	
187	Fortitude.....	Two Harbors.....	52	4	5	3							6	4	1			1		33.40	90	1,582	
188	Traverse.....	Wheaton.....	55	3	3	1							4		1			1		28.40	158	1,376	8,439
189	Trunc.....	Belgrade.....	82	3	3	3							10		2			3		42.60	245	706	79
190	Mizpah.....	South St. Paul.....	31	8	8	3							6	3						36.40	90	417	
191	Crow River.....	Brainerd.....	18	3	3	1							6							22.00	30	172	
192	Amboy.....	Arroyo.....	24	3	3	1							4							18.60	36	250	
193	Canton.....	Canton.....	71	9	9	1							6					2		40.80	155	445	8,119
194	Renville.....	Kenville.....	45	2	2	2							4					1		28.60	44	495	764
195	Geneva.....	Madison.....	37	6	6	3							6					4		27.60	151	498	
196	Vermillion.....	Tower.....	38	3	3	0							6							40.60	182	762	
197	Euclid.....	West Duluth.....	66	16	14	14							17	8	4			8		67.20	201	853	
198	Slayton.....	Slayton.....	45	19	17	7							7	3				4		39.80	190	490	
199	Murray.....	Zenith.....	28	4	3	2							6	3	1			3		41.80	79	1,150	46
200	Zenith.....	Kenyon.....	81	1	1	1							7	1	1			3		14.00	38	96	950
201	Kenyon.....	Kenyon.....	28	1	1	1							2	3				2		16.60	96	2,600	27
202	Atelier.....	Dawson.....	62	4	4	1							2	3				3		27.60	39	96	87
203	Stewartville.....	Stewartville.....	20	17	17	12							29	84	4			88		9.00	75		

214	Evansville.....	17	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	19	12.80	12.80	45	72	44
215	Argyle.....	39	5	5	5	5	1	4	4	4	1	1	42	23.20	23.20	50	788	135
216	Florence.....	52	5	5	5	5	1	6	6	6	1	1	48	31.80	31.80	119	480	
217	Capital City.....	55	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	55	23.60	23.60	153	1,092	
218	Griswold.....	50	6	3	3	3	2	5	5	5	1	1	54	35.60	35.60	20	578	200
219	Hancock.....	24	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	27	16.60	16.60	48	385	65
220	Mt. Hermon.....	20	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	16	8.00	8.00	36	231	75
221	Olivia.....	27	2	2	2	2	1	4	4	4	1	1	24	11.60	11.60	22	345	200
222	Cottonwood.....	27	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	14.20	14.20	48	239	
223	Equity.....	24	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	14.60	14.60	130	465	100
224	Elysian.....	27	1	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	10.60	10.60	130	1,275	140
225	Mora.....	30	8	16	16	16	3	31	31	31	8	8	15	10.80	10.80	30	598	
226	Minnesota.....	137	17	2	2	2	1	3	3	3	1	1	37	37.00	37.00	2	215	
227	Justice.....	15	2	2	2	2	1	11	11	11	2	2	30	27.20	27.20	2	560	400
228	Lincoln.....	26	9	8	8	8	1	7	7	7	2	2	27	15.80	15.80	14	176	
229	Park Region.....	23	6	6	6	6	1	2	2	2	1	1	17	16.80	16.80	15	86	
230	Vernon Center.....	27	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	15	17.00	17.00	17	218	
231	Stewart.....	14	4	4	4	4	1	5	5	5	1	1	28	32.60	32.60	5	149	225
232	Alpha.....	10	4	4	4	4	5	13	13	13	1	1	29	27.60	27.60	5	564	250
233	Magnolia.....	16	9	9	9	9	4	2	2	2	1	1	29	13.00	13.00	401	445	200
234	Sherburn.....	19	5	5	5	5	2	10	10	10	2	2	2	24.00	24.00	24	90	300
235	North Branch.....	18	8	8	8	8	2	2	2	2	2	2	7	6.00	6.00	22	477	211
236	Remidj.....	10	3	3	3	3	7	7	7	7	2	2	8	22.00	22.00	300	976	
237	Sandstone.....	9	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	8	6.00	6.00	21		
238	Regenton.....	10	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	8	6.00	6.00	21		
239	U. D. Northern.....	18	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	50.00	50.00	16		
240	Thief R. Falls.....	18	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	50.00	50.00	16		
241	Hopkins.....	18	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	50.00	50.00	16		
242	Albert Pike.....	18	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	16	50.00	50.00	16		
243	Evansville.....	17	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	19</					

* No report.

+ Owns building or an interest in same.

APPENDIX D.

PAY ROLL.

GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total Paid.	To Whom Paid.
A. Brandenburg, M. W., G. M.	\$7.50	\$6.00	\$13.50	A. Brandenburg.
A. D. Countryman, D. G. M.	6.20	6.00	12.20	A. D. Countryman.
G. S. Ives, S. G. W.	2.75	6.00	8.75	G. S. Ives.
H. R. Adams, J. G. W.	.20	6.00	6.20	Henry R. Adams.
J. H. Thompson, G. Treas.	.20	6.00	6.20	J. H. Thompson.
T. Montgomery, G. Sec. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	Thos. Montgomery.
D. T. Calhoun, G. O.	3.00	6.00	9.00	D. T. Calhoun.
Ezra B. Chase, G. Chap.	2.35	6.00	8.35	E. B. Chase.
W. A. McGonagle, S. G. D.	5.70	6.00	11.70	W. A. McGonagle.
H. M. Tusler, J. G. D. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	H. M. Tusler.
Enoch Stott, G. Marsh.	4.05	6.00	10.05	E. Stott.
F. B. Wood, G. St. B.	3.70	6.00	9.70	F. B. Wood.
J. H. Sprout, S. G. S.	5.10	6.00	11.10	J. H. Sprout.
C. Griswold, P. G. M. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	C. Griswold.
E. W. Durant, P. G. M.	.60	6.00	6.60	E. W. Durant.
H. R. Wells, P. G. M.	6.00	6.00	12.00	H. R. Wells.
H. R. Denny, P. G. M. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	H. R. Denny.
R. H. Gove, P. G. M.	3.70	6.70	9.70	R. H. Gove.
W. F. Dickinson, P. G. M.	6.90	6.00	12.90	W. F. Dickinson.
C. L. Brown, P. G. M. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	C. L. Brown.
A. T. Stebbins, P. G. M.	3.70	6.00	9.70	A. T. Stebbins.
W. T. Rigby, P. D. G. M.	3.50	6.00	8.50	W. T. Rigby.
Geo. H. Davis, P. D. G. M.	3.20	6.00	9.20	Geo. H. Davis.
Chas. L. West, P. D. G. M.	3.95	6.00	9.95	Chas. L. West.
Thos. J. Lombard, P. S. G. W.	1.35	6.00	7.35	Thos. J. Lombard.
Samuel E. Adams, P. S. G. W.	.20	6.00	6.20	Samuel E. Adams.
Edgar Nash, P. S. G. W.	.20	6.00	6.20	Edgar Nash.
E. F. Barnum, P. J. G. W.	4.50	6.00	10.50	E. F. Barnum.
H. C. Shepard, P. J. G. W. ....	.....	6.00	6.00	H. C. Shepard.
Wm. B. Patton, P. J. G. W.	5.75	6.00	11.75	Wm. B. Patton.
J. D. Markham, P. J. G. W.	2.50	6.00	8.50	J. D. Markham.
COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.				
J. M. Rowley, 3 days.	3.70	9.00	12.70	J. M. Rowley.
O. C. Hanson, 3 days.	6.20	9.00	15.20	O. C. Hanson.
J. T. Johnson, 3 days.	7.50	9.00	16.50	J. T. Johnson.

PAY ROLL, 1901—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total Paid.	To Whom Paid.
1	St. Johns	\$0.40	\$6.00	\$6.40	Horace W. Davis.
2	Catarect	.20	6.00	6.20	Geo. O. Voorhees.
3	St. Paul		6.00	6.00	G. R. Metcalf.
4	Hennepin	.20	6.00	6.20	Henry Deutsch.
5	Ancient Landmark		6.00	6.00	J. C. Bennett.
7	Dakota	.80	6.00	6.80	A. E. Johnson.
8	Red Wing	1.65	6.00	7.65	E. H. Foot.
9	Faribault	2.10	6.00	8.10	F. E. Jenkins.
11	Mantorville	2.95	6.00	8.95	J. E. Burdick.
12	Mankato	3.20	6.00	9.20	Wm. F. Jewson.
14	Wapahasa	2.80	6.00	8.80	M. W. Dady.
16	Monticello	1.90	6.00	7.90	E. H. Sherwin.
17	Hokah	5.30	6.00	11.30	A. J. Snure.
18	Winona	4.05	6.00	10.05	O. M. Botsford.
19	Minneapolis	.20	6.00	6.20	Henry Hahn.
20	Caledonia	6.30	6.00	12.30	L. W. Emery.
21	Rochester	3.70	6.00	9.70	C. E. Callaghan.
22	Pleasant Grove	8.00	6.00	14.00	Milton Page.
23	North Star	3.00	6.00	9.00	J. C. Munro.
24	Wilton	3.40	6.00	9.40	H. E. Gates.
26	Western Star	4.35	6.00	10.35	G. W. Geesey.
27	Blue Earth Valley	4.70	6.00	10.70	A. Milne.
28	Clear Water	2.50	6.00	8.50	W. A. Shaw.
29	Morning Star	5.05	6.00	11.05	Joseph Robillard.
30	Anoka	1.15	6.00	7.15	O. S. Miller.
31	King Hiram	1.30	6.00	7.30	Barkly Varner.
32	Sakatah	2.60	6.00	8.60	O. H. Bliss.
33	Star in the East	2.75	6.00	8.75	C. J. Balch.
34	Oriental	1.60	6.00	7.60	E. A. Dibble.
35	Mount Moriah	.80	6.00	6.80	Axel Johnson.
36	Preston	6.00	6.00	12.00	K. W. Buell.
37	Mystic Tie	3.00	6.00	9.00	W. W. Jewell.
38	Washington	2.55	6.00	8.55	D. C. Smith.
39	Fidelity	3.70	6.00	9.70	J. H. Anderson.
40	Carnelian	2.35	6.00	8.35	T. A. Carr.
41	Hermion	2.70	6.00	8.70	J. C. Powers.
42	Hope	2.50	6.00	8.50	M. C. Tift.
43	Harmony	5.35	6.00	11.35	O. W. Hunt.
44	King Solomon	1.15	6.00	7.15	Chas. G. Hinds.
45	Union	2.30	6.00	8.30	R. D. Sykes.
46	Evergreen	5.00	6.00	11.00	R. J. Walker.
47	Concord	2.75	6.00	8.75	M. A. Hill.
48	Social	1.55	6.00	7.55	H. W. McChesney.
49	Rising Sun	4.40	6.00	10.40	C. H. Robbins.
50	Watertown	3.05	6.00	9.05	C. G. Halgren.
51	Acacia	.80	6.00	6.80	I. T. Morey.
52	Cannon River	2.70	6.00	8.70	W. L. Eddy.
54	Nicollet	2.75	6.00	8.75	E. E. Miller.
55	Zion	1.80	6.00	7.80	R. E. Sevey.
56	Meridian	4.75	6.00	10.75	Wm. A. Strafford.
57	Blue Earth City	5.10	6.00	11.10	M. V. Carpenter.
58	Spring Valley	5.10	6.00	11.10	B. F. Farmer.
59	Temple	2.80	6.00	8.80	Carlos Avery.
60	Star in the West	4.90	6.00	10.90	L. R. Barto.
61	Ashler	4.20	6.00	10.20	H. E. Blair.
62	Star	2.10	6.00	8.10	F. H. Johnson.
63	Illustrious	4.80	6.00	10.80	Geo. F. Sylvester.
64	Chain Lake	5.65	6.00	11.65	M. Aldrich.
66	Madella	4.15	6.00	10.15	W. R. Estes.
67	Corinthian	1.10	6.00	7.10	E. L. Brackett.
69	Mystic Star	5.50	6.00	11.50	John Martin.
71	Paynesville	3.75	6.00	9.75	H. A. Wells.
73	Brownsville	8.18	6.00	14.18	W. F. McCann.
75	Eureka	4.65	6.00	10.65	Geo. W. Palmer.
76	Joppa	4.00	6.00	10.00	W. A. Wilsie.
77	Tuscan	8.10	6.00	14.10	C. C. Graham.
78	Mystic Circle	5.50	6.00	11.50	B. E. Lilly.
79	Palestine	5.70	6.00	11.70	S. O. Sterrett.

PAY ROLL, 1901—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total Paid.	To Whom Paid.
80	Henderson	\$2.05	\$6.00	\$8.05	W. H. Leeman.
81	Constellation	5.65	6.00	11.65	W. T. Cowing.
82	Howard	1.90	6.00	7.90	E. H. Learned.
83	Hiram Abi	3.15	6.00	9.15	Aug. E. Anderson.
85	High Forest	5.10	6.00	11.10	C. F. Brown.
86	Tyrian	2.70	6.00	8.70	E. L. Ford.
87	Doric	4.70	6.00	10.70	E. D. Udell.
89	Golden Fleece	3.10	6.00	9.10	A. J. Revell.
90	Good Faith	6.30	6.00	12.30	W. W. Wold.
91	Antiquity	4.30	6.00	10.30	W. R. Caswell.
92	Fraternal	2.40	6.00	8.40	B. M. Vanaulstine.
93	Unity	3.10	3.00	6.10	A. L. Smitten.
94	Keystone	4.15	6.00	10.15	L. C. Hansen.
95	Sherburne	1.65	6.00	7.65	W. G. Merrifield.
96	Libanus	4.60	6.00	10.60	A. Sturm.
97	Prudence	5.70	6.00	11.70	E. A. Sime.
98	Charity	5.55	6.00	9.55	O. M. Olsen.
99	Corner Stone	7.50	6.00	13.50	W. J. Farrell.
101	Fraternity	6.90	6.00	12.90	H. Hawley.
102	Lebanon	5.50	6.00	11.50	W. W. Wall.
103	Bethel	3.70	6.00	9.70	J. J. Hughes.
104	Sharon	4.10	6.00	10.10	F. G. Handy.
106	Mt. Tabor	8.15	6.00	14.15	C. Wackman.
108	Relief	2.90	6.00	8.90	F. S. Allen.
109	Sunset	5.75	6.00	11.75	C. A. Fosnes.
110	Pickwick	4.30	6.00	10.30	H. W. Stedman.
111	Carver	1.10	6.00	7.10	Geo. Goetze.
112	Khurum	.20	6.00	6.20	W. D. Knowlton.
113	Excelsior	1.15	6.00	7.15	Geo. P. Dickinson.
114	Ben Franklin	8.20	6.00	14.20	John Kelley.
115	Elgin	4.30	6.00	10.30	W. P. Holton.
116	Lafayette	4.10	6.00	10.10	D. L. Tanner.
118	Newport	.30	6.00	6.30	J. D. Carroll.
119	Delta	6.00	6.00	12.00	W. A. Hawkins.
121	Grand Meadow	5.10	6.00	11.10	G. W. Day.
122	Kellogg	3.05	6.00	9.05	E. J. Parker.
123	Prairie	3.40	6.00	9.40	J. C. Peterson.
124	Janesville	3.35	6.00	9.35	D. J. Dodge.
125	Winslow Lewis	.95	6.00	6.95	Elmer Owen.
126	Moorhead	9.70	6.00	15.70	Geo. Sheffield.
128	Josephus	3.20	6.00	9.20	Robert Little.
129	Swift	5.30	6.00	11.30	W. R. Smith.
131	Alma	4.40	6.00	10.40	Gustow Lenth.
132	Humboldt	2.00	6.00	8.00	C. Hansen.
132	Golden Sheaf	6.30	6.00	12.30	W. P. Fowler.
134	Cokato	2.35	6.00	8.35	J. A. Sternberg.
135	Nelson	2.50	6.00	8.50	W. W. Thompson.
136	Walnut	5.75	6.00	11.75	W. J. McDonald.
137	Appleton	6.20	6.00	12.20	G. A. De Forest.
138	Orion	3.60	6.00	9.60	J. H. Strong.
139	Verndale	7.10	6.00	13.10	E. A. Kling.
140	Little Falls	4.30	6.00	10.30	H. A. Rider.
141	Crookston	11.70	6.00	17.70	Tom Morris.
142	Currie	1.60	6.00	7.60	Neil Currie.
143	Lakeview	7.10	6.00	13.10	H. French.
144	Bird Island	3.20	6.00	9.20	Levi E. Sherwood.
145	Melrose	2.85	6.00	8.85	W. B. Whitney.
146	Benton	7.40	6.00	13.40	C. E. Farrar.
147	Canby	7.20	6.00	13.20	T. F. McKee.
148	Quarry	7.70	6.00	13.70	C. W. Gilmore.
149	Guardian	2.85	6.00	8.85	H. W. Buck.
150	Warren	12.90	6.00	18.90	W. A. Wallace.
151	Chaska	1.10	6.00	7.10	W. C. Odell.
152	Frontier	8.32	6.00	14.32	C. P. Fenstermaker.
153	Kodahya	8.15	6.00	14.15	L. C. Bigelow.
154	Norman	10.60	6.00	16.60	Peter Sharpe.
155	Tracy	6.00	6.00	12.00	W. D. Haycock.
156	Wadena	6.55	6.00	12.55	W. E. Parker.
157	Perham	7.30	6.00	13.30	John Pritchett.
158	Hector	3.60	6.00	9.60	Geo. F. Bartlett.

PAY ROLL, 1901—Continued.

No.	NAME OF LODGE.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total Paid.	To Whom Paid.
159	Long Prairie.....	5.45	6.00	11.45	F. R. Harrison.
160	Plymouth.....	.20	6.00	6.20	P. M. Hall.
161	Sincerity.....	5.55	6.00	11.55	W. R. Holly.
162	Prescott.....	6.75	6.00	12.75	A. W. Wells.
163	Summit.....	.....	6.00	6.00	H. M. Tusler.
164	Jasper.....	2.15	6.00	8.15	H. R. Berg.
165	Minnehaha.....	.20	6.00	6.20	B. L. Smith.
166	Garnet.....	.50	6.00	6.50	F. J. Reif.
167	Agate.....	7.70	6.00	13.70	W. D. Cross.
168	Bradon.....	.....	6.00	6.00	Geo. Brookings.
169	Pierson.....	8.75	6.00	14.75	O. J. Aamodt.
170	Fulda.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	Jesse A. Maxwell.
171	Shekinah.....	.....	6.00	6.00	W. A. Daratt.
172	Marietta.....	2.00	6.00	8.00	H. M. Griffin.
173	Plumb Line.....	2.84	6.00	8.84	C. E. Kimble.
174	Valley.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	W. J. Wilson.
175	Roman Eagle.....	7.60	6.00	13.60	C. Swanman.
176	Ark.....	.20	6.00	6.20	R. J. Gault.
178	Anchor.....	3.85	6.00	9.85	J. N. Carnes.
179	King David.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	D. L. Owens.
180	Osakis.....	5.25	6.00	11.25	K. Swore.
181	Dalles.....	5.55	6.00	11.55	A. E. Quinn.
182	Fair Haven.....	2.50	6.00	8.50	L. R. Ritchie.
184	Shell.....	7.75	6.00	13.75	L. H. Rice.
185	Midway.....	.....	6.00	6.00	C. P. Montgomery.
186	Ionic.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	B. Porter.
187	Arcana.....	.20	6.00	6.20	Dan C. Brown.
188	Fortitude.....	7.00	6.00	13.00	H. I. Holden.
189	Traverse.....	8.20	6.00	14.20	J. T. Erickson.
190	Triune.....	.....	6.00	6.00	Ed. A. Paradis.
191	Mizpah.....	.20	6.00	6.20	A. D. Moe.
192	Crow River.....	3.95	6.00	9.95	A. I. Ridgway.
193	Amboy.....	4.35	6.00	10.35	C. S. Latlin.
194	Canton.....	7.40	6.00	13.40	O. E. Larson.
195	Renville.....	4.60	6.00	10.60	J. L. Christianson.
196	Geneva.....	7.90	6.00	13.90	W. H. Coon.
198	Euclid.....	5.75	6.00	11.75	D. Graham.
199	Murray.....	7.20	6.00	13.20	R. B. Forrest.
200	Zenith.....	4.70	6.00	10.70	A. Frederickson.
201	Kenyon.....	2.15	6.00	8.15	J. A. Gats.
202	Atelier.....	6.50	6.00	12.50	C. H. Sullivan.
203	Stewartville.....	4.05	6.00	10.05	T. B. Horton.
204	St. Elmo.....	1.20	6.00	7.20	G. W. Vickeman.
205	Wayzata.....	.95	6.00	6.95	W. S. Frear.
207	Crescent.....	5.50	6.00	11.50	P. O. Bean.
208	Itasca.....	8.35	6.00	14.35	Oscar L. Mather.
209	Sibley.....	2.80	6.00	8.80	J. A. E. Johnson.
210	Columbian.....	2.40	6.00	8.40	Jno L. Gessell.
211	Friendship.....	7.35	6.00	13.35	E. C. Baird.
212	Hallock.....	14.60	6.00	20.60	J. H. Shaw.
213	Mystic.....	6.60	6.00	12.60	Geo. T. Williams.
214	Evansville.....	5.80	6.00	11.80	O. A. Felt.
215	Argyle.....	13.35	6.00	19.35	Thos. T. Clark.
216	Florence.....	5.20	6.00	11.20	Erick Johnson.
217	Capital City.....	.....	6.00	6.00	E. W. McCord.
218	Griswold.....	2.60	6.00	8.60	E. E. McGrew.
219	Mt. Hermon.....	5.95	6.00	11.95	F. Wilcox.
220	Olivia.....	2.00	6.00	8.00	J. M. Peckinpough.
221	Equity.....	5.60	6.00	11.60	L. McKechnie.
222	Mora.....	3.05	6.00	9.05	H. B. Gorham.
224	Minnesota.....	.20	6.00	6.20	H. Ricker.
225	Justice.....	5.85	6.00	11.85	A. J. Weldon.
227	Park Region.....	7.00	6.00	13.00	J. P. Anderson.
228	Vernon Center.....	4.15	6.00	10.15	J. D. Blanchard.
229	Stewart.....	3.15	6.00	9.15	Allen H. Wilson.
230	Alpha.....	10.80	6.00	16.80	Wm. Anderson.
231	Magnolia.....	5.55	6.00	11.55	M. M. Jenkins.
232	Chisago.....	1.70	6.00	7.70	E. M. Dahlby.
		\$957.19	\$1,446.00	\$2,403.19	

APPENDIX E.

NAMES OF LODGES ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED.

NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.	NAME.	No.
Acacia	51	Fulda	170	Northern	236
Agate	167	Garnet	166	North Star.....	23
Albert Pike.....	237	Geneva	196	Olivia	220
Alpha	230	Golden Fleece.....	89	Orient	84
Alma	181	Golden Rule.....	65	Oriental	34
Amboy	193	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Orion	138
Anchor	178	Good Faith.....	90	Osakis	180
Ancient Landmark..	5	Grand Meadow.....	121	Palestine	79
Anoka	30	Granite	117	Park Region.....	227
Antiquity	91	Griswold	218	Paynesville	71
Appleton	137	Guardian	149	Perham	157
Arcana	187	Hallock	212	Pickwick	110
Argyle	215	Harmony	43	Pierson	160
Ark	176	Hector	158	Pleasant Grove.....	22
Ashler	61	Henderson	80	Plumb Lake.....	173
Astra	U D	Hennepin	4	Plymouth	160
Atelier	202	Hermion	41	Prairie	123
Aurora	100	High Forest.....	85	Prescott	162
Bemidji	233	Hokah	17	Preston	86
Ben Franklin.....	144	Hope	42	Prudence	97
Benton	146	Howard	82	Quarry	148
Bethel	103	Humboldt	132	Red Wing.....	8
Bird Island.....	144	Huram Abl.....	83	Relief	108
Blue Earth City.....	57	Illustrious	63	Renville	195
Blue Earth Valley..	27	Ionic	186	Rising Sun.....	49
Braden	168	Itasca	208	Rochester	21
Brownsville	73	Janesville	124	Roman Eagle.....	175
Caledonia	20	Jasper	164	Rough Ashlar.....	177
Canby	147	Joppa	76	Ruthdon	U D
Cannon River	52	Josephus	128	St. Elmo.....	204
Canton	194	Justice	225	St. Johns.....	1
Capital City.....	217	Kellogg	122	St. Paul.....	8
Carnellian	40	Kenyon	201	Sakatah	32
Carver	111	Keystone	94	Sandstone	234
Cataract	2	Khurum	112	Sharon	104
Chain Lake.....	64	King David.....	179	Shekinah	171
Charity	98	King Hiram.....	51	Shell	184
Chaska	151	King Solomon.....	44	Sherburne	95
Chisago	232	Kodahya	153	Sibley	209
Clear Water.....	28	Lafayette	116	Sincerity	161
Cokato	134	Lakeview	143	Social	48
Columbian	210	Lansing	72	Spring Valley.....	58
Concord	47	Lebanon	102	Star	62
Constellation	81	Libanus	96	Star in the East... 33	
Corinthian	67	Lincoln	226	Star in the West... 60	
Corner Stone.....	99	Little Falls.....	140	Stewart	229
Crescent	207	Long Prairie.....	159	Stewartville	208
Crookston	141	Madelia	66	Summit	163
Crow River.....	192	Magnolia	231	Sunset	109
Currie	142	Mankato	12	Swift	129
Dakota	7	Mantorville	11	Temple	59
Dalles	181	Marietta	172	Tracy	155
Delta	119	Melrose	145	Traverse	189
Doric	87	Meridian	56	Triune	190
Edgerton	235	Midway	185	Tuscan	77
Elgin	115	Minneapolis	19	Tyrian	86
Elysian	222	Minnehaha	165	Union	45
Equality	U D	Minnesota	224	Unity	93
Equity	221	Mizpah	191	Valley	174
Euclid	198	Monticello	16	Vermillion	197
Eureka	75	Moorhead	126	Verndale	139
Evansville	214	Mora	223	Vernon Center.....	228
Eveleth	U D	Morning Star.....	29	Wadena	156
Evergreen	46	Mount Hermon.....	219	Walnut	136
Excelsior	113	Mount Moriah.....	35	Wapahasa	14
Fair Haven.....	182	Mount Tabor.....	106	Warren	150
Farbault	9	Murray	198	Washington	38
Fidelity	89	Mystic	213	Watertown	50
Florence	216	Mystic Circle.....	78	Wayzata	205
Fortitude	158	Mystic Star.....	69	Western Star.....	26
Fosston	206	Mystic Tie.....	37	Wilton	24
Fraternal	92	Nelson	135	Winona	13
Fraternity	101	Newport	118	Winslow Lewis.....	125
Friendship	211	Nicollet	64	Zenith	200
Frontier	162	Norman	154	Zion	55

APPENDIX F.

LOCATION OF LODGES IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

Location.	Lodge.	No.	Location.	Lodge.	No.
Ada.....	Norman	154	Farmington...	Corinthian	67
Adrian.....	Roman Eagle...	175	Fergus Falls..	Corner Stone...	99
Aitkin.....	Mystic	213	Fosston.....	Fosston	206
Albert Lea...	Western Star...	26	Fulda.....	Fulda	170
Alexandria...	Constellation ..	81	Glencoe	Hope	42
Alma City....	Wilton	24	Glenwood.....	Valley	174
Amboy.....	Amboy	193	Good Thunder.	Joppa	76
Annandale...	Fair Haven.....	182	Graceville....	Friendship	211
Anoka.....	Anoka	30	Grand Meadow	Grand Meadow..	121
Appleton....	Appleton	137	Grand Rapids.	Itasca	208
Argyle.....	Argyle	215	Granite Falls.	Granite	117
Atwater.....	Orion	138	Hallock.....	Hallock	212
Austin.....	Fidelity	89	Hancock.....	Mt. Hermon....	219
Barnesville..	Pierson	169	Hastings.....	Dakota	7
Belgrade....	Crow River....	192	Hastings.....	Mt. Moriah....	35
Belle Plaine..	Rough Ashlar...	17	Hector.....	Hector	158
Bemidji.....	Bemidji	263	Henderson....	Henderson	80
Benson.....	Swift	129	Hendrum.....	Alpha	230
Bird Island..	Bird Island....	144	Herman.....	Prescott	162
Big Prairie..	Prairie	123	Heron Lake....	Columbian	210
B. Earth City.	Blue Earth City.	67	High Forest...	High Forest	85
Brainerd....	Aurora	100	Hokah.....	Hokah	17
Breckenridge.	Frontier	152	Hopkins.....	Albert Pike	237
Browns Valley	Kodahya	153	Houston.....	Mystic Circle..	78
Brownsville.	Brownsville ..	73	Howard Lake..	Howard	82
Brownsdals..	Lafayette	116	Hutchinson...	Temple	59
Brownston..	Guardian	149	Jasper.....	Good Faith....	90
Buffalo.....	Nelson	135	Janesville....	Janesville	124
Caledonia....	Caledonia	20	Jackson.....	St. Elmo.....	204
Campbell....	Agate	167	Jordan.....	King Hiram....	31
Canby.....	Canby	147	Kasson.....	Huram Abi....	83
Cannon Falls.	Oriental	34	Kellogg.....	Kellogg	122
Canton.....	Canton	194	Kenyon.....	Kenyon	201
Carver.....	Carver	111	Kimball Prairie	Plumb Line....	173
Chaska.....	Chaska	151	La Crescent...	Morning Star..	29
Chatfield....	Meridian	56	Lake Benton..	Benton	146
Clear Water..	Clear Water....	28	Lake City.....	Carnelian	10
Cleveland....	Concord	47	Lake Crystal..	Bethel	103
Cloquet.....	Dalles	181	Lakeland.....	Golden Rule....	65
Clyde.....	Evergreen	46	Lamberton....	Justice	225
Cokato.....	Cokato	134	Lanesboro....	Lebanon	102
Cottage Grove.	Acacia	51	Lansing.....	Lansing	72
Cottonwood..	Equity	221	Le Roy.....	Eureka	75
Crookston....	Crookston	141	Lester Prairie	Astra	U D
Currie.....	Currie	142	Le Sueur.....	Union	45
Dassel.....	Griswold	218	Lewiston.....	Harmony	43
Dawson.....	Atalier	202	Litchfield....	Golden Fleece..	89
Detroit.....	Mt. Tabor....	105	Little Falls..	Little Falls....	140
Dodge Center.	Relief	108	Long Prairie..	Long Prairie....	159
Duluth.....	Palestine	79	Luverne.....	Ben Franklin..	114
Duluth.....	Ionic	186	Lyle.....	Alma	131
Edgerton....	Edgerton	234	Madelia.....	Madelia	66
Elbow Lake..	Park Region....	227	Madison.....	Geneva	196
Elgin.....	Elgin	115	Mankato.....	Mankato	12
Elk River....	Sherburne....	95	Mantorville..	Mantorville....	11
Elmore.....	King David....	179	Marietta....	Marietta	172
Elysian.....	Elysian	222	Marshall....	Delta	119
Evansville...	Evansville	214	Mapleton....	Josephus	123
Eveleth.....	Eveleth	U.D	Mazeppa.....	Tyrian	86
Excelsior....	Excelsior	113	Melrose.....	Melrose	145
Fayot.....	Ashler	61	Lincoln.....	Lincoln	226
Farmount....	Chain Lake....	64	Cataract	Cataract	2
Faribault....	Faribault	9	Minneapolis..	Hennepin	4
			Minneapolis..	Minneapolis	19

APPENDIX F.—Continued.

Location.	Lodge.	No.	Location.	Lodge.	No.
Minneapolis...	Khurum	112	South St. Paul.	Mizpah	191
Minneapolis...	Plymouth	160	Springfield...	Zenith	200
Minneapolis...	Minnehaha	165	Spring Valley.	Spring Valley...	58
Minneapolis...	Ark	176	Staples.....	Crescent	207
Minneapolis...	Arcana	187	Stewart.....	Stewart	229
Minneapolis...	Minnesota	224	Stewartville..	Stewartville	203
Minneapolis...	Equality	U D	Stillwater....	St. Johns.....	1
Money Creek..	Orient	84	St. Charles...	Rising Sun....	49
Montevideo...	Sunset	103	St. Cloud.....	North Star....	23
Monticello...	Monticello	16	St. James.....	Libanus	96
Moorhead....	Moorhead	126	St. Paul	St. Paul.....	3
Mora.....	Mora	223	St. Paul	Ancient Landm'k	5
Morris.....	Golden Sheaf... 183		St. Paul.....	Summit	163
Morristown...	Cannon River... 52		St. Paul.....	Braden	168
N. Paynesville.	Paynesville	71	St. Paul.....	Shekinah	171
Newport.....	Newport	118	St. Paul.....	Midway	185
New Ulm.....	Charity	98	St. Paul.....	Triune	190
North Branch.	Chicago	232	St. Paul.....	Capital City....	217
Northfield...	Social	48	St. Peter.....	Nicollet	54
Olivia.....	Olivia	220	Taylor's Falls.	Zion	55
Ortonville...	Lakeview	143	Thief R. Falls.	Northern	236
Osakis.....	Osakis	180	Tower.....	Vermillion	197
Osseo.....	Winslow Lewis.. 125		Tracy.....	Tracy	155
Owatonna...	Star in the East. 33		Two Harbors..	Fortitude	188
Park Rapids..	Shell	184	Verndale....	Verndale	139
Perham.....	Perham	167	Vernon Center.	Vernon Center...	228
Pickwick....	Pickwick	110	Villard.....	Sincerity	161
Pine Island...	Mystic Tie	37	Wabasha.....	Wapahasa	14
Pipestone...	Quarry	148	Wadena.....	Wadena	156
Plainview...	Illustrious	63	Walnut Grove.	Walnut	138
Pleasant Grove	Pleasant Grove.. 22		Warren.....	Warren	150
Preston.....	Preston	36	Waseca.....	Tuscan	77
Princeton...	Fraternal	92	Watertown...	Watertown	50
Red Wing....	Red Wing.....	8	Waterville...	Sakatah	32
Redwood Falls.	Antiquity	91	Wayzata.....	Wayzata	205
Renville.....	Renville	195	Wells.....	Doric	87
Rochester...	Rochester	21	West Concord.	Washington	38
Rockford....	Star	62	West Duluth..	Euclid	168
Royalton...	Anchor	178	Wheaton.....	Traverse	189
Rush City....	Jasper	104	White Bear...	Garnet	166
Rushford...	Mystic Star.....	69	Willmar.....	Sharon	104
Ruthton....	Ruthton	U D	Windom.....	Prudence	97
Sandstone...	Sandstone	234	Win'bago City	Blue Earth Val'y	27
Sauk Center...	Star in the West 60		Winona.....	Winona	18
Sauk Rapids..	Unity	93	Winthrop....	Sibley	209
Shakopee....	King Solomon... 44		Wood Lake...	Florence	216
Slayton.....	Murray	199	Worthington..	Fraternity	101
Sherburn....	Magnolia	231	Young America	Humboldt	132
Sleepy Eye...	Keystone	94	Zumbrota....	Hermion	41

In Memoriam.

Henry S. Doty,

Junior Grand Steward,

Died at Sauk Center, January 19, 1901, Aged 62.

Jean C. Fischer,

Grand Tyler,

Died at St. Paul, September 12, 1900, Aged 69.

In Memory of

the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

Harrison Dilla,

Past Grand Master, Illinois. Died Nov. 1, 1899.

Robert Clow,

Past Grand Master, Oregon. Died Jan. 5, 1900.

Henry Chapple,

Deputy Grand Master, Montana. Died Jan. 10, 1900.

Thomas Linton,

Grand Tyler, Colorado. Died Jan. 11, 1900.

Thomas G. Reames,

Past Grand Master, Oregon. Died Feb. 21, 1900.

Samuel W. Williams,

Past Grand Master, Arkansas. Died March 14, 1900.

Clark Buckingham,

Past Grand Master, Connecticut. Died March 17, 1900.

Cyrus K. Holliday,

Past Grand Master, Kansas. Died March 29, 1900.

Silas E. Sheldon,

Past Grand Master, Kansas. Died April 19, 1900.

In Memory of

the distinguished dead of other jurisdictions.

James E. Edmiston,

Past Grand Master, Washington. Died May 9, 1900.

W. H. Gee,

Past Grand Master, Arkansas. Died May 28, 1900.

Thomas Trounce,

Past Grand Master, British Columbia. Died June 30, 1900.

Alanson Partridge,

Past Grand Master, Michigan. Died July 7, 1900.

Geo. H. Morgan,

Past Grand Master, Tennessee. Died July 27, 1900.

John W. Laflin,

Grand Secretary, Wisconsin. Died Aug. 30, 1900.

Edwin C. Blackmar,

Past Grand Master, Iowa. Died Oct. 7, 1900.

Edwin L. Bowring,

Past Grand Master, Michigan. Died Oct. 26, 1900.

Henry Clay Armstrong,

G. Sec. and P. G. Master, Alabama. Died Dec. 17, 1900.

DEATHS IN 1900.

NAME OF LODGE.	No.	NAME OF DECEASED.	Date.
St. Johns.....	1	Herbert J. Kenyon.....	June 1, 1900
		James D. McCourt.....	June 12, 1900
		Henry B. Prince.....	Aug. 3, 1900
		Dudley H. Hersey.....	Sept. 24, 1900
Cataract.....	2	Ernest Borscht.....	Nov. 27, 1900
		W. H. Lawrence.....	Mar. 15, 1900
		O. A. Taylor.....	Sept. 27, 1897
		Moses Whittier.....	Oct. 31, 1900
		Frank R. Warner.....	Dec. 12, 1900
St. Paul.....	3	C. C. Howland.....	Dec. 25, 1900
		H. A. von Wedelstaedt.....	Mar. 19, 1900
		William Johnson.....	May 13, 1900
		Cyrus B. Kenyon.....	May 17, 1900
		Henry W. Cushing.....	July 26, 1900
		Jean Conrad Fischer.....	Sept. 12, 1900
		Archibald Christie.....	Sept. 24, 1900
		Robert J. Thomas.....	Oct. 10, 1900
		Francis M. Edey.....	Oct. 21, 1900
		John Davis.....	Nov. 18, 1900
Hennepin.....	4	William S. Cochran.....	Dec. 14, 1900
		William S. King.....	Feb. 25, 1900
		Edward L. Larson.....	Mar. 18, 1900
		B. F. Christlieb.....	April 15, 1900
		W. F. Mowatt.....	April 30, 1900
		R. E. Grimshaw.....	July 10, 1900
		Owen Jones.....	Nov. 13, 1900
Ancient Landmark.....	5	Charles Robinson.....	Dec. 7, 1900
		Mahlon H. Gilbert.....	Mar. 2, 1900
		William Bickel.....	Mar. 13, 1900
		Henry Finehout.....	June 24, 1900
		Wm. G. Robertson.....	June 25, 1900
		John H. Dickey.....	July 13, 1900
Dakota.....	7	J. M. McGuiggen.....	Aug. 15, 1900
		S. G. Rathbone.....	Jan. 12, 1900
		Julius Panse.....	April 17, 1900
Faribault.....	9	W. W. Weeks.....	Aug. 9, 1900
		P. B. Lawrence.....	Aug. 25, 1900
		Israel Bruckman.....	Oct. 10, 1900
		Soloman Grant.....	Dec. 13, 1900
Monticello.....	11	Charles Eggers.....	Mar. 26, 1900
Mankato.....	12	William T. Mills.....	Feb. 9, 1900
		John C. Wise.....	Nov. 17, 1900
		Cyrus E. Schureman.....	Dec. 3, 1900
Monticello.....	16	Moses Y. Pendleton.....	Jan. 11, 1900
Hokah.....	17	Eugene M. Stevens.....	Feb. 11, 1900
Winona.....	18	Edward F. Mues.....	June 29, 1900
		Chas. H. Berry.....	Aug. 21, 1900
Minneapolis.....	19	Thomas Stocks.....	Dec. 24, 1899
		Thomas Nelson.....	Oct. 27, 1900
		James M. Paine.....	Mar. 23, 1900
		Claud I. Herman.....	Nov. 21, 1900
		Phillip Lebo.....	April 22, 1900
		Arthur G. Marshall.....	Feb. 18, 1900
		C. L. Nelson.....	Oct. 19, 1900
		Bartlett Y. Coffin.....	Sept. 7, 1900
		Chas. J. Bolin.....	Mar. 18, 1900
		John Hildreth.....	July 28, 1900
		George E. Tuttle.....	Nov. 16, 1900
		Wm. H. Falconer.....	June 1, 1900
Caledonia.....	20	N. E. Dorival.....	Aug. 11, 1900
Rochester.....	21	David Stevenson.....	Oct. 19, 1900
		Cornelius Atherton.....	Oct. 29, 1900
		Joel P. Dibble.....	Nov. 13, 1900
North Star.....	23	Maynard A. Collar.....	July 8, 1900
		Orrin O. Wood.....	Nov. 1, 1900
		Asa Sibley.....	Nov. 29, 1900
		Allen E. Hussey.....	Dec. 21, 1900
Western Star.....	26	Edward Cook.....	—, 1900
		Charles Norton.....	Sept. 11, 1900
Blue Earth Valley.....	27	William H. Finch.....	Nov. 22, 1900
Clear Water.....	28	C. H. Webster.....	April 7, 1900

DEATHS IN 1900—Continued.

NAME OF LODGE.	No.	NAME OF DECEASED.	Date.
Morning Star.....	29	Joseph Stephenson.....	June 1, 1900
Anoka.....	30	George F. Potter.....	Aug. 2, 1900
		Winthrop O. Goss.....	April 9, 1900
		Simeon C. Page.....	May 28, 1900
		Fred O. Gerrish.....	June 8, 1900
		Everett Hammons.....	Oct. 15, 1900
		Harvey Richards.....	Nov. 2, 1900
		William Sowden.....	Dec. 12, 1900
King Hiram.....	31	M. A. Larson.....	June 1, 1900
Sakatah.....	32	Asa B. Swaine.....	Feb. 28, 1900
Star in the East.....	33	Jacob Opelger.....	Jan. 19, 1900
		William C. Lieb.....	Aug. 7, 1900
		Charles Deniges.....	Dec. 27, 1900
Oriental.....	34	Swante A. Youngquist.....	April 12, 1900
Preston.....	36	W. E. Wertz.....	July 3, 1900
Washington.....	38	James Smith.....	Dec. 31, 1900
Fidelity.....	39	Matt Gregsom.....	Oct. 15, 1900
		E. D. Fenton.....	Oct. 29, 1900
Carnelian.....	40	Alvin C. Kinney.....	Oct. 29, 1900
		Harry D. Stocker, Sr.....	May 23, 1900
		Alex. Mitchell.....	Dec. 23, 1899
Hermon.....	41	Duane von Vliet.....	July 31, 1900
Hope.....	42	Franklin B. Dean.....	May 29, 1900
		John Harrington Stevens.....	May 29, 1900
Social.....	48	S. William Budd.....	Nov. 27, 1900
Rising Sun.....	49	Philip Spielman.....	Oct. 7, 1900
Watertown.....	50	William Blackhetter.....	Jan. 9, 1900
Cannon River.....	52	John Gibson.....	Sept. 20, 1900
		Boulitis K. Soule.....	Sept. 20, 1900
		Henry S. Wait.....	Sept. 24, 1900
Nicollet.....	54	Frank L. Wildes.....	Jan. 20, 1900
		Shepard B. Miner.....	Feb. 10, 1900
Zion.....	55	Ernst A. Umland.....	Dec. 5, 1900
Meridian.....	56	Joseph Green.....	April 10, 1900
		John R. Jones.....	June 26, 1900
		William Carpenter.....	Sept. 19, 1900
		Abel M. Lombard.....	Oct. 7, 1900
Star in the West.....	60	John H. Dennis.....	Feb. 23, 1900
		James McCauslin.....	July 20, 1900
Ashler.....	61	Malcolm Wright.....	Mar. 19, 1900
Star.....	62	Samuel Hesler.....	May 27, 1900
		John Williams.....	Sept. 21, 1900
Illustrious.....	63	John F. Pope.....	April 18, 1900
		Samuel Jenks.....	Nov. 7, 1900
Chain Lake.....	64	Thomas Allen.....	June 23, 1900
Golden Rule.....	65	Mitchell Y. Jackson.....	April 17, 1900
Madelia.....	66	J. P. Haycraft.....	Sept. 7, 1900
		A. R. Henderson.....	Dec. 19, 1900
		C. S. Mitchell.....	Dec. 51, 1899
Mystic Star.....	69	George A. Hayes.....	Feb. 25, 1900
Paynesville.....	71	Edward H. Bates.....	Aug. 3, 1900
		John J. Hadden.....	Nov. 19, 1900
		John P. Applegrene.....	Feb. 17, 1900
Eureka.....	75	Daniel Bosworth.....	Aug. 26, 1900
		F. W. Frisbee.....	April 7, 1900
Joppa.....	76	William H. Thompson.....	Feb. 12, 1900
Palestine.....	79	Cephas Bradley.....	Mar. 19, 1900
		Allen J. Miller.....	May 12, 1900
		Frank D. Day.....	May 13, 1900
		Samuel C. Maxwell.....	June 14, 1900
		Samuel Boyer.....	Sept. 14, 1900
		George F. Chester.....	Sept. 19, 1900
		Roulbac Ruffin.....	Dec. 6, 1899
		Tobias Zweifel.....	April 2, 1900
Henderson.....	80	Edward W. Polzin.....	Dec. 27, 1900
		John Gieb.....	June 10, 1900
Constellation.....	81	Robert McCrory.....	Sept. 23, 1900
		Daniel Russell.....	April 4, 1900
Huram Abi.....	83	Abner Remington.....	Sept. 13, 1900
Tyrian.....	86	George Judd.....	May 24, 1900
Golden Fleece.....	89	William E. von Kuster.....	July 27, 1900
		Jacob M. Howard.....	

DEATHS IN 1900—Continued.

NAME OF LODGE.	No.	NAME OF DECEASED.	Date.
Good Faith.....	90	Charles A. Huldtt.....	Oct. 17, 1900
Antiquity.....	91	Charles Schaeffer.....	May 23, 1900
Fraternal.....	92	Newel A. Ross.....	Feb. 10, 1900
Keystone.....	94	Alfred F. Walton.....	Mar. 17, 1900
Sherburne.....	95	John A. Wiley.....	Dec. 16, 1900
		Alfred S. Merrifield.....	Dec. 30, 1899
		William E. Corey.....	Feb. 15, 1900
		B. A. Latta.....	July 26, 1900
Libanus.....	96	Thomas Veltum.....	Mar. 29, 1900
Prudence.....	97	Acy A. Start.....	—, 1900
Fraternity.....	101	George W. Crane.....	Aug. 18, 1900
Bethel.....	103	David M. Hill.....	Nov. 3, 1900
Sharon.....	104	Albert Larson.....	Mar. 3, 1900
		Frank W. Minton.....	Sept. 16, 1900
Relief.....	108	Alexander Coleman.....	May 25, 1900
		Lester J. Dresbach.....	Dec. 20, 1900
Pickwick.....	110	Albert Jenkins.....	Mar. 4, 1900
Khurum.....	112	William H. Buck.....	Jan. 31, 1900
		A. W. Collins.....	April 28, 1900
Excelsior.....	113	Stanley R. Kitchel.....	Dec. 7, 1900
		H. D. Eldridge.....	June 3, 1900
		H. H. Porter.....	June 23, 1900
Ben Franklin.....	114	William S. Bronson.....	July 4, 1900
Newport.....	118	George M. Estabrook.....	Aug. 6, 1900
Delta.....	119	Edward Dougherty.....	Jan. 2, 1900
		Martin B. Drew.....	Oct. 24, 1900
Grand Meadow.....	121	A. L. N. Brown.....	Mar. 5, 1900
		Henry Duddfield.....	May 13, 1900
Janesville.....	124	James Vandermade.....	Dec. 27, 1900
Winslow Lewis.....	125	William Bailey.....	Aug. 11, 1900
Moorhead.....	126	Michael Syron.....	Mar. 4, 1900
Alma.....	131	John O. Myhre.....	Sept. 14, 1900
		Thomas Bonnell.....	Oct. 3, 1900
Humboldt.....	132	Robert N. Elliott.....	June 4, 1900
Golden Sheaf.....	133	Henry Baldwin.....	Mar. 25, 1900
Appleton.....	137	Henry C. Maxwell.....	May 10, 1900
Orion.....	138	John T. Sanderson.....	Mar. 9, 1900
		Rufus Hull.....	May 21, 1900
Crookston.....	141	J. K. Thomas.....	Dec. 18, 1900
Lakeview.....	143	Peter M. Orton.....	Sept. 28, 1900
Kodahya.....	153	Hezekiah G. Smith.....	Mar. 6, 1900
Hector.....	158	J. S. Niles.....	July 13, 1900
Long Prairie.....	159	Swan P. Thornquist.....	July 24, 1900
Plymouth.....	160	William D. La Plant.....	Aug. 23, 1900
		Austin B. Weld.....	Aug. 31, 1900
Sincerity.....	161	H. A. Perkins.....	Mar. 17, 1900
		Samuel Moon.....	May 26, 1900
Summit.....	163	Charles F. Mahler.....	Feb. 9, 1900
		A. M. Lowell.....	Feb. 23, 1900
Braden.....	168	Alexander F. Olberg.....	May 8, 1900
Pierson.....	169	Frederick C. Rath.....	June 16, 1900
Plumb Line.....	173	Augustus Mumford.....	Oct. 26, 1900
Ark.....	176	Frank G. Wright.....	Jan. —, 1900
		K. D. McLennon.....	Feb. 12, 1900
		L. P. Valentine.....	Feb. 22, 1900
		Cyrus S. Ricker.....	Sept. 14, 1900
King David.....	179	A. Higley.....	Feb. 16, 1900
		William T. Spencer.....	Mar. 20, 1900
Dalles.....	181	Ernest W. Draver.....	Nov. 21, 1900
Fair Haven.....	182	David N. Bryant.....	June 21, 1900
Midway.....	185	Henry F. Green.....	Jan. 4, 1900
		Chas. L. Webber.....	April 5, 1900
Ionic.....	186	Isaac E. West.....	Sept. 18, 1900
Traverse.....	189	Gustav Kruse.....	July 6, 1900
Triune.....	190	H. H. Stonaker.....	Aug. 15, 1900
Canton.....	194	Frank R. Miles.....	Jan. 25, 1900
Renville.....	195	James S. Laird.....	Mar. 4, 1900
Zenith.....	200	Charles A. Mueller.....	July 28, 1900
Mystic.....	213	Reuben H. Hartford.....	Jan. 6, 1900
Olivia.....	220	Andrew J. Hedlund.....	May —, 1900
Equity.....	221	William G. Martine.....	Aug. 7, 1900
Justice.....	225	Earl C. Wheeler.....	Mar. 20, 1900
Stewart.....	229	Robert S. Donaldson.....	Sept. 13, 1900

APPENDIX G.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

To all whom it may concern, greeting:

Know ye, that in accordance with a standing resolution of the Grand Lodge, I have divided the jurisdiction, and appointed District Deputy Grand Masters, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

THOMAS MORRIS (141), Crookston, D.' D.' G.' M.'

Crookston, No. 141.....	Crookston	Hallock, No. 212.....	Hallock
Warren, No. 150.....	Warren	Argyle, No. 215.....	Argyle
Norman, No. 154.....	Ada	Bemidji, No. 233.....	Bemidji
Fosston, No. 206.....	Fosston	Northern, No. 236.....	Thief River Falls

SECOND DISTRICT.

JOHN LIDDELL (156), Wadena, D.' D.' G.' M.'

Aurora, No. 100.....	Brainerd	Perham, No. 157.....	Perham
Mt. Tabor, No. 106.....	Detroit	Shell, No. 184.....	Park Rapids
Verndale, No. 139.....	Verndale	Crescent, No. 207.....	Staples
Wadena, No. 156.....	Wadena	Mystic, No. 213.....	Aitkin

THIRD DISTRICT.

SHELDON L. FRAZER (186), Duluth, D.' D.' G.' M.'

Palestine, No. 79.....	Duluth	Vermillion, No. 197.....	Tower
Dalles, No. 181.....	Cloquet	Euclid, No. 198.....	West Duluth
Ionic, No. 186.....	Duluth	Itasca, No. 208.....	Grand Rapids
Fortitude, No. 188.....	Two Harbors		

FOURTH DISTRICT.

J. T. JOHNSON (99), Fergus Falls, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Corner Stone, No. 99.....Fergus Falls	Pierson, No. 169.....Barnesville
Moorhead, No. 126.....Moorhead	Evansville, No. 214.....Evansville
Frontier, No. 152.....Breckenridge	Park Region, No. 227.....Elbow Lake
Agate, No. 167.....Campbell	Alpha, No. 230.....Hendrum

FIFTH DISTRICT.

W. B. WHITNEY (145), Melrose, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Star in the West, No. 60...Sauk Center	Sincerity, No. 162.....Villard
Constellation, No. 81.....Alexandria	Valley, No. 174.....Glenwood
Melrose, No. 145.....Melrose	Osakis, No. 180.....Osakis
Long Prairie, No. 159.....Long Prairie	

SIXTH DISTRICT.

O. C. TRACE (140), Little Falls, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Monticello, No. 16.....Monticello	Unity, No. 93.....Sauk Rapids
North Star, No. 23.....St. Cloud	Little Falls, No. 140.....Little Falls
Clear Water, No. 28.....Clearwater	Anchor, No. 178.....Royalton

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

A. A. CASWELL (92), Princeton, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Anoka, No. 30.....Anoka	Mora, No. 223.....Mora
Fraternal, No. 92.....Princeton	Lincoln, No. 226.....Milaca
Sherburne, No. 95.....Elk River	Sandstone, No. 234.....Sandstone

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

THOS. H. WARREN (1), Stillwater, D.: D.: G.: M.:

St. Johns, No. 1.....Stillwater	Jasper, No. 164.....Rush City
Acacia, No. 61.....Cottage Grove	Garnet, No. 166.....White Bear
Zion, No. 55.....Taylors Falls	Chisago, No. 232.....North Branch
Golden Rule, No. 65.....Lakeland	

NINTH DISTRICT.

H. K. KELLEY (182), Annandale, D. D. G. M.

Star, No. 62.....	Rockford	Plumb Line, No. 173...	Kimball Prairie
Paynesville, No. 71....	New Paynesville	Fair Haven, No. 182.....	Annandale
Nelson, No. 135.....	Buffalo	Crow River, No. 192.....	Belgrade

TENTH DISTRICT.

OLE C. HANSON (133), Morris, D. D. G. M.

Sharon, No. 104.....	Willmar	Prescott, No. 182.....	Herman
Swift, No. 129.....	Benson	Mt. Herman, No. 219.....	Hancock
Golden Sheaf, No. 133.....	Morris		

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

JAMES H. STRONG (138), Atwater, D. D. G. M.

Watertown, No. 50.....	Watertown	Cokato, No. 134.....	Cokato
Howard, No. 82.....	Howard Lake	Orion, No. 138.....	Atwater
Golden Fleece, No. 89.....	Litchfield	Griswold, No. 218.....	Dassel

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

GEORGE DAGGETT (112), Minneapolis, D. D. G. M.

Hennepin, No. 4.....	Minneapolis	Wayzata, No. 206.....	Wayzata
Minneapolis, No. 19.....	Minneapolis	Minnesota, No. 224.....	Minneapolis
Khurum, No. 112.....	Minneapolis	Albert Pike, No. 237.....	Hopkins
Excelsior, No. 113.....	Excelsior		

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

FRANK H. RING (187), Minneapolis, D. D. G. M.

Cataract, No. 2.....	Minneapolis	Minnehaha, No. 165.....	Minneapolis
Winslow Lewis, No. 125.....	Osseo	Ark, No. 176.....	Minneapolis
Plymouth, No. 160.....	Minneapolis	Arcana, No. 187.....	Minneapolis

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

J. Q. McINTOSH (118), Newport, D. D. G. M.

St. Paul, No. 3.....	St. Paul	Mt. Morfab, No. 35.....	Hastings
Ancient Landmark, No. 5.....	St. Paul	Newport, No. 118.....	Newport
Dakota, No. 7.....	Hastings	Braden, No. 108.....	St. Paul

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

E. C. SHIBLEY (191), St. Paul, D. D. G. M.

Summit, No. 163.....	St. Paul	Trilune, No. 190.....	St. Paul
Shekinah, No. 171.....	St. Paul	Mizpab, No. 191.....	South St. Paul
Midway, No. 186.....	St. Paul	Capital City, No. 217.....	St. Paul

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

E. C. BAIRD (211), Graceville, D. D. G. M.

Appleton, No. 137.....	Appleton	Traverse, No. 189.....	Wheaton
Ortonville, No. 143.....	Ortonville	Friendship, No. 211.....	Graceville
Kodahya, No. 153.....	Brown's Valley		

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

J. M. PECKINPAUGH (220), Olivia, D. D. G. M.

Sunset, No. 109.....	Montevideo	Hector, No. 158.....	Hector
Grant, No. 117.....	Granite Falls	Renville, No. 195.....	Renville
Bird Island, No. 144.....	Bird Island	Olivia, No. 220.....	Olivia

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

HENRY L. SIMONS (42), Glencoe, D. D. G. M.

Hope, No. 42.....	Glencoe	Guardian, No. 149.....	Brownston
Temple, No. 59.....	Hutchinson	Chaska, No. 151.....	Chaska
Carver, No. 111.....	Carver	Stewart, No. 229.....	Stewart
Humboldt, No. 132.....	Young America	Astra, U. D.....	Lester Prairie

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

EDWIN F. BARRETT (45), Le Sueur, D.: D.: G.: M.:

King Hiram, No. 31.....Jordan	Nicollet, No. 54.....St. Peter
King Solomon, No. 44.....Shakopee	Henderson, No. 80.....Henderson
Union, No. 45.....Le Sueur	Rough Ashlar, No. 177.....Belle Plaine
Concord, No. 47.....Cleveland	

TWENTIETH DISTRICT.

CHAS. H. SULLIVAN (202), Dawson, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Antiquity, No. 91.....Redwood Falls	Atalier, No. 202.....Dawson
Marietta, No. 172.....Marietta	Florence, No. 216.....Wood Lake
Geneva, No. 196.....Madison	

TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

J. P. LESTER (147), Canby, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Delta, No. 119.....Marshall	Equity, No. 221.....Cottonwood
Benton, No. 146.....Lake Benton	Edgerton, No. 235.....Edgerton
Canby, No. 147.....Canby	Equality, U.: D.:.....Minnesota
Quarry, No. 148.....Pipestone	Ruthon, U.: D.:.....Ruthon
St. Elmo, No. 204.....Jasper	

TWENTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

JULIUS J. WESTINGHOUSE (200), Springfield, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Keystone, No. 94.....Sleepy Eye	Zenith, No. 200.....Springfield
Charity, No. 98.....New Ulm	Sibley, No. 209.....Winthrop
Walnut, No. 136.....Walnut Grove	Justice, No. 225.....Lamberton
Tracy, No. 155.....Tracy	

TWENTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

J. A. MAXWELL (170), Fulda, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Prudence, No. 97.....Windom	Fulda, No. 170.....Fulda
Fraternity, No. 101.....Worthington	Roman Eagle, No. 175.....Adrian
Ben Franklin, No. 114.....Luverne	Murray, No. 199.....Slayton
Currie, No. 142.....Currie	Columbian, No. 210.....Heron Lake

TWENTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

J. G. HAYCRAFT (66), Madelia, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Mankato, No. 12.....Mankato	Bethel, No. 103.....Lake Crystal
Madelia, No. 66.....Madelia	Josephus, No. 128.....Mapleton
Joppa, No. 76.....Good Thunder	Amboy, No. 193.....Amboy
Libanus, No. 96.....St. James	Vernon Center, No. 228.....Vernon Center

 TWENTY-FIFTH DISTRICT.

J. H. SPROUT (57), Blue Earth City, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Western Star, No. 26.....	Albert Lea	Doric, No. 87.....	Wells
Blue Earth Val'y, No. 27.....	Winnebago City	Good Faith, No. 90.....	Jackson
Blue Earth City, No. 57.....	Blue Earth City	King David, No. 179.....	Elmore
Chain Lake, No. 64.....	Fairmont	Magnolia, No. 231.....	Sherburn

TWENTY-SIXTH DISTRICT.

JAMES R. SMITH (9), Faribault, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Faribault, No. 9.....	Faribault	Cannon River, No. 52... / ...	Morristown
Sakatah, No. 32.....	Waterville	Corinthian, No. 67.....	Farmington
Oriental, No. 34.....	Cannon Falls	Elysian, No. 222.....	Elysian
Social, No. 48.....	Northfield		

TWENTY-SEVENTH DISTRICT.

D. J. DODGE (124), Janesville, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Wilton, No. 24.....	Alma City	Tuscan, No. 77.....	Waseca
Star in the East, No. 38.....	Owatonna	Janesville, No. 124.....	Janesville

TWENTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT.

THEO. A. CARR (40), Lake City, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Red Wing, No. 8.....	Red Wing	Hermon, No. 41.....	Zumbrota
Wapahosa, No. 14.....	Wabasha	Tyrian, No. 86.....	Mazeppa
Mystic Tie, No. 37.....	Pine Island	Kellogg, No. 122.....	Kellogg
Carnelian, No. 40.....	Lake City		

TWENTY-NINTH DISTRICT.

CARLOS L. CHAMBERS (83), Kasson, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Mantorville, No. 11.....	Mantorville	Huram Abl, No. 83.....	Kasson
Rochester, No. 21.....	Rochester	Relief, No. 108.....	Dodge Center
Washington, No. 38.....	West Concord	Kenyon, No. 201.....	Kenyon

THIRTIETH DISTRICT.

CHAS. H. ROBBINS (49), St. Charles, D.: D.: G.: M.:

Harmony, No. 43.....	Lewiston	Ashler, No. 61.....	Eyota
Evergreen, No. 46.....	Clyde	Illustrious, No. 63.....	Plainview
Rising Sun, No. 49.....	St. Charles	Elgin, No. 115.....	Elgin
Meridian, No. 56.....	Chatfield		

THIRTY-FIRST DISTRICT.

A. C. PAGE (39), Austin, D. D. G. M.

Fidelity, No. 39.....Austin	Prairie, No. 123.....Blooming Prairie
Lansing, No. 72.....Lansing	Alma, No. 131.....Lyle
Lafayette, No. 116.....Brownsdale	

THIRTY-SECOND DISTRICT.

GEORGE BROWN (85), High Forest, D. D. G. M.

Pleasant Grove, No. 22.....Pleasant Grove	High Forest, No. 85.....High Forest
Spring Valley, No. 58.....Spring Valley	Grand Meadow, No. 121.....Grand Meadow
Eureka, No. 75.....Le Roy	Stewartville, No. 203.....Stewartville

THIRTY-THIRD DISTRICT.

K. W. BUELL (36), Preston, D. D. G. M.

Hokah, No. 17.....Hokah	Orient, No. 84.....Money Creek
Preston, No. 36.....Preston	Lebanon, No. 102.....Lanesboro
Mystic Star, No. 69.....Rushford	Canton, No. 194.....Canton
Mystic Circle, No. 78.....Houston	

THIRTY-FOURTH DISTRICT.

E. M. WINSLOW (73), Brownsville, D. D. G. M.

Winona, No. 12.....Winona	Brownsville, No. 73.....Brownsville
Caledonia, No. 20.....Caledonia	Pickwick, No. 110.....Pickwick
Morning Star, No. 29.....La Crescent	

And the said District Deputy Grand Masters are authorized to perform the duties and exercise the powers pertaining to said office, within their respective districts, until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Minnesota, unless otherwise ordered.

Dated this 28th day of February, A. D. 1901, A. L. 5901.

GIDEON S. IVES,
Grand Master.

Attest:

THOMAS MONTGOMERY,
Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX H.

* GRAND MASTERS AND GRAND SECRETARIES, 1901.

GRAND LODGE. (English Speaking)	NAME OF GRAND MASTER.	ADDRESS.	NAME OF GRAND SECRETARY.	ADDRESS.
Alabama.....	R. M. Cunningham.	Ensley.....	Geo. A. Beauchamp	Montgomery.
Arizona.....	Geo. Montague.....	Nogales.....	G. J. Roskrige.....	Tucson.
Arkansas.....	Harry H. Myers.....	Little Rock.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
Brit. Columbia.....	Harry H. Watson.....	Vancouver.....	W. J. Quinlan.....	Nelson.
California.....	James A. Foshay.....	Los Angeles.....	Geo. Johnson.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	R. B. Hungerford.....	London.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton, Ont.
Colorado.....	Joseph W. Millsom.....	Canon City.....	E. C. Parmelee.....	Denver.
Connecticut.....	John O. Rowland.....	New Haven.....	J. H. Barlow.....	Hartford.
Delaware.....	Joseph Stuart.....	Wilmington.....	B. F. Bartram.....	Wilmington.
Dist. of Col.....	H. Standford.....	Washington.....	W. R. Singleton.....	Washington.
England.....	Duke of Connaught.	London.....	Edw. Letchworth.....	London.
Florida.....	Silas B. Wright.....	De Land.....	W. P. Webster.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	Max Meyerhardt.....	Rome.....	W. A. Weithin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	Geo. D. Golden.....	Rocky Bar.....	T. W. Randall.....	Boise.
Illinois.....	Chas. F. Hitchcock.....	Peoria.....	J. H. C. Dill.....	Bloomington.
Indiana.....	Olth E. Holloway.....	Knightstown.....	C. W. Frather.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Ter.....	J. W. F. Parker.....	Davis.....	J. S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa.....	Wm. L. Eaton.....	Osgae.....	T. S. Parvin.....	Cedar Rapids.
Ireland.....	Duke of Abercorn.....	Dublin.....	H. E. Plavelle, dep.	Dublin.
Kansas.....	Chas. J. Webb.....	Topeka.....	A. K. Wilson.....	Topeka.
Kentucky.....	Wm. C. McChord.....	Springfield.....	H. B. Grant.....	Louisville.
Louisiana.....	Robert H. Cage.....	New Orleans.....	Richard Lambert.....	New Orleans.
Maine.....	W. S. Choate.....	Augusta.....	Stephen Berry.....	Portland.
Manitoba.....	R. S. Thornton.....	Deloraine.....	James A. Ovas.....	Winnipeg.
Maryland.....	Thos. J. Shryock.....	Baltimore.....	J. H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Chas. T. Gallagher.....	Boston.....	S. D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	Lucien E. Wood.....	Niles.....	J. S. Conover.....	Coldwater.
Minnesota.....	Gideon S. Ives.....	St. Peter.....	Thos. Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
Mississippi.....	B. V. White.....	Meridian.....	J. L. Power.....	Jackson.
Missouri.....	Campbell Wells.....	Platte City.....	J. D. Vincl.....	St. Louis.
Montana.....	Thos. Brantly.....	Helena.....	Cornelius Hedges.....	Helena.
Nebraska.....	Albert W. Grites.....	Chadron.....	F. E. White.....	Omaha.
Nevada.....	Joseph A. Miller.....	Austin.....	C. N. Noware.....	Carson City.
N. Brunsw'k.....	James G. Forbes.....	St. John.....	J. T. Hart.....	St. John.
New H' pshire.....	Geo. I. McAllister.....	Manchester.....	G. P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Joseph E. Moore.....	Jersey City.....	T. H. R. Redway.....	Trenton.
New Mexico.....	Elias E. Day.....	Las Cruces.....	A. A. Keen.....	Albuquerque.
N. S'th Wales.....	J. C. Remington.....	Sydney.....	A. H. Bray.....	Sydney.
New York.....	Chas. W. Mead.....	Albany.....	E. M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
New Zealand.....	Alex. S. Russell.....	Auckland.....	Malcolm Niccol.....	Auckland.
North Carolina.....	B. S. Royaster.....	Oxford.....	J. C. Drewry.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	Edwin H. James.....	St. Thomas.....	F. J. Thompson.....	Fargo.
Nova Scotia.....	I. A. Cossmann.....	Halifax.....	Thomas Mowbray.....	Halifax.
Ohio.....	Frank S. Harmon.....	Akron.....	J. H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati.
Oklahoma.....	Wm. M. Anderson.....	Enid.....	J. S. Hunt.....	Stillwater.
Oregon.....	Henry B. Thiesen.....	Salem.....	J. F. Robinson.....	Eugene.
Pennsylvania.....	Geo. E. Wagner.....	Philadelphia.....	W. A. Sinn.....	Philadelphia.
P. Edw. Island.....	Ronald McMillan.....	Charlottetown.....	N. MacKelvie.....	Summerside.
Quebec.....	B. Tooke.....	Montreal.....	J. H. Isaacson.....	Montreal.
Rhode Island.....	C. M. Van Slyke.....	Providence.....	Edwin Baker.....	Providence.
Scotland.....	James Hozier.....	Edinburgh.....	David Reid.....	Edinburgh.
S. Australia.....	Samuel J. Way.....	Adelaide.....	J. H. Cunningham.....	Adelaide.
South Carolina.....	Orlando Sheppard.....	Edgefield.....	Chas. Inglesby.....	Charleston.
South Dakota.....	John A. Cleaver.....	Huron.....	G. A. Pettigrew.....	Flandreau.
Tasmania.....	C. E. Davies.....	Hobart.....	John Hamilton.....	Hobart.
Tennessee.....	Jas. H. McClister.....	Morristown.....	J. B. Garrett.....	Nashville.
Texas.....	N. M. Washer.....	San Antonio.....	John Watson.....	Houston.
Utah.....	Geo. V. Schramm.....	Ogden.....	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont.....	W. Scott Noy.....	Underhill.....	W. G. Reynolds.....	Burlington.
Victoria.....	Lord Brassey.....	Melbourne.....	John Bralm.....	Melbourne.
Virginia.....	Geo. W. Wright.....	Marion.....	G. W. Carrington.....	Richmond.
Washington.....	S. J. Chadwick.....	Colfax.....	T. M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia.....	A. D. W. Strickler.....	Philippi.....	G. W. Atkinson.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin.....	C. C. Rogers.....	Milwaukee.....	W. W. Perry.....	Milwaukee.
Wyoming.....	C. H. Townsend.....	Casper.....	W. L. Kuykendall.....	Saratoga.

APPENDIX I.

REPRESENTATIVES OF GRAND LODGES.

To			FROM	
Name.	Residence.	State.	Name.	Residence.
Benj. F. Pope.....	Gadsden.....	Alabama.....	A. Brandenburg....	Fergus Falls.
S. T. Rowe.....	Greenwood.....	Arizona.....	Sheldon L. Frazer..	Duluth.
Albert Kruger.....	Antwerp.....	Belgium.....	R. H. Hartley.....	Minneapolis.
Chas. E. Tisdall....	Vancouver.....	Brit. Columbia..	W. F. Dickinson....	Redwood Falls.
Samuel B. Hinckley..	Riverside.....	California.....	E. W. Durant.....	Stillwater.
A. A. Stevenson.....	Montreal.....	Canada.....	T. Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
Henry M. Teller.....	Central City....	Colorado.....	Chas. Griswold.....	St. Paul.
Edmund Tweedy.....	Danbury.....	Connecticut.....	Henry R. Denny.....	St. Paul.
Chas. C. King.....	Newark.....	Delaware.....	J. D. Markham.....	Rush City.
C. W. Hancock.....	Washington.....	Dist. Columbia..	E. P. Barnum.....	St. Cloud.
J. W. Laurie, M. P..	Madison.....	Florida.....	Wm. B. Patton.....	Duluth.
Angus Paterson.....	Bainbridge.....	Georgia.....	E. F. Barnum.....	St. Cloud.
John D. Harrell.....	Genesee.....	Idaho.....	A. T. Stebbins.....	Rochester.
Reese Pickering.....	Chicago.....	Illinois.....	Wm. S. Combs.....	St. Paul.
Wm. Johnston.....	Pendleton.....	Indiana.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
O. W. Brownback....	Fort Gibson.....	Indian Ter.....	T. Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
F. H. Nash.....	Dublin.....	Ireland.....	Calvin L. Brown....	Morris.
Oliver Fry.....	Larned.....	Kansas.....	Chas. W. Nash.....	Minneapolis.
John C. Fry.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.....	John H. Randall....	Minneapolis.
L. L. Schwartz.....	Ellsworth.....	Maine.....	H. C. Shepard.....	St. Paul.
John B. Redman.....	Winnipeg.....	Manitoba.....	John H. Abbott.....	Minneapolis.
Thos. W. Taylor.....	Niles.....	Maryland.....	A. Brandenburg.....	Fergus Falls.
John Woodruff.....	W. R. Montgomery..	Michigan.....	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.
Howard Watson.....	St. Louis.....	Mississippi.....	A. D. Countryman..	Appleton.
Theo. Brantly.....	Helena.....	Missouri.....	J. E. Finch.....	Hastings.
W. W. Keyser.....	Omaha.....	Montana.....	A. Marden.....	New Ulm.
R. A. Bulmer.....	Virginia.....	Nebraska.....	James N. Castle.....	Stillwater.
Thos. Walker, M. D..	St. John.....	Nevada.....	William Lee.....	Hastings.
A. S. Batchellor.....	Littleton.....	N. Hampshire....	J. H. Thompson.....	Minneapolis.
Edwin Venable.....	Long Branch.....	New Jersey.....	Chas. G. Hinds.....	Shakopee.
Arthur Boyle.....	Santa Fe.....	New Mexico.....	H. M. Tusler.....	St. Paul.
A. J. Scott.....	Jamaica.....	New S. Wales....	Jacob A. Klester....	Blue Earth.
John S. Denton.....	Westport.....	New York.....	H. J. Peck.....	Shakopee.
Thos. A. Peterkin....	Windsor.....	New Zealand.....	I. B. B. Sprague....	St. Paul.
F. D. Winston.....	Bismarck.....	North Carolina..	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.
Wm. A. Bentley.....	Digby.....	North Dakota....	Jacob A. Klester....	Blue Earth.
John Daley.....	Columbus.....	Nova Scotia.....	Wm. T. Rigby.....	Clear Water.
Ralph R. Rickley....	Portland.....	Ohio.....	Gid. S. Ives.....	St. Peter.
G. L. Story.....	Montague.....	Oregon.....	A. T. Stebbins.....	Rochester.
John D. Bell.....	Sweetsburg.....	Pr. Edward Id..	James N. Castle.....	Stillwater.
John P. Noyes.....	Central Falls....	Quebec.....	Henry R. Adams.....	Minneapolis.
J. E. Goldsworthy....	Edinburgh.....	Rhode Island....	T. Montgomery.....	St. Paul.
D. Murray Lyon.....	Fort Mill.....	Scotland.....	E. P. Barnum.....	St. Cloud.
Sam'l Henry Good....	Redfield.....	South Australia..	Irving Todd.....	Hastings.
J. W. Ardrey.....	.....	South Carolina..	Henry R. Wells.....	Preston.
O. C. Berg.....	.....	South Dakota....	Wm. A. Elliott.....	Minneapolis.
.....	.....	Tasmania.....	Jacob A. Klester....	Blue Earth.
.....	.....	Texas.....	R. H. Gove.....	Rochester.
P. L. Williams.....	Salt Lake City..	Utah.....	Sam'l E. Adams.....	Minneapolis.
Edwin Wheelock....	Cambridge.....	Vermont.....	Chas. N. Akers.....	St. Paul.
Dr. E. Hinchcliffe....	Bendigo.....	Victoria.....	Edgar Nash.....	Minneapolis.
Wm. H. Pleasants....	Hollins.....	Virginia.....	Thomas Morris.....	Crookston.
Joseph A. Kuhn.....	Port Townsend..	Washington.....	Chas. L. West.....	Austin.
John D. Baines.....	Charleston.....	West Virginia....	Geo. H. Davis.....	Mankato.
W. W. Perry.....	Madison.....	Wisconsin.....		

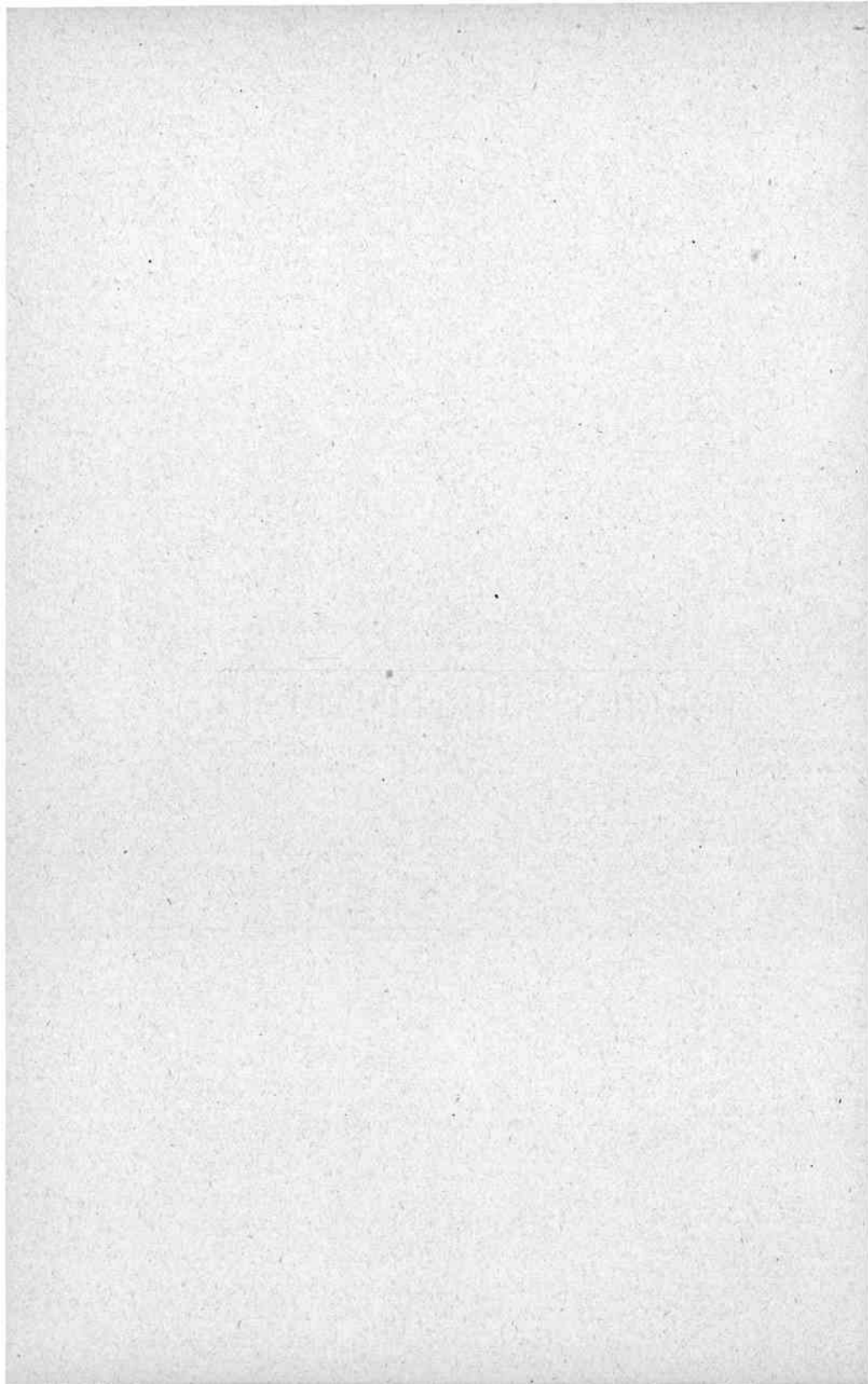
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FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.



APPENDIX K.

To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of Minnesota:

Your committee on foreign correspondence has received and examined the following grand lodge proceedings:

ALABAMA, 1899.

The seventy-ninth annual communication was held at Montgomery, Dec. 5th and 6th, M.: W.: B. D. Williams, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy-one lodges represented; three hundred and seventy-six on the roll. Four past grand masters and our representative present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; two charters forfeited and seven restored; three consolidations. Membership eleven thousand, two hundred, and ninety-one; loss fifty-four. Ministers of the gospel eight hundred and four; loss thirty. Receipts \$7,081.76.

The death of Bro. W. S. Foster, chairman of the finance committee for fifteen years, was announced.

Sixty-one decisions were reported, none of general interest; the contributions to the home for the year were stated to be only \$22.44; fraternal greetings were extended to Bro. J. M. Brundidge, grand lecturer, absent by reason of bodily infirmities, and in consideration of his eminent services for more than half a century the title of honorary past grand master was formally conferred upon him; a lodge of sorrow ritual was adopted, and the subordinate lodges recommended to hold memorial services once a year; a resolution of sympathy was extended to Bro. H. H. Brown, past grand master, not present owing to illness; an appropriation of \$100 was made to the

grand master, expenses in attending the Washington memorial, and a historic apron owned by Helion Lodge No. 1 tendered him to wear on that occasion; the lodges failing to take action on constitutional amendment were excused on promise of strict observance of the law in future; the jurisprudence committee held that funeral ceremonies should not be performed by less than seven master masons; a committee was appointed to revise the code; four charters were granted and three dispensations continued; suitable aprons and collars were ordered procured for the use of the grand officers; and a number of donations to the library were acknowledged.

The following report of a special committee was concurred in and the resolutions adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the special report of the committee on foreign correspondence relating to the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, at its last annual communication, in rescinding certain resolutions theretofore adopted by that grand body, with reference to the status of certain negroes claiming to be regularly made masons, beg leave to report, after careful consideration of the matter submitted to us:

We are constrained to the conclusion that while the Grand Lodge of Washington has in terms rescinded the resolutions which were offensive to this grand lodge, and which caused the severance of fraternal relations between us and that grand body, it has accompanied the act of rescission with declarations which plainly and pointedly indicate that it is of "the same opinion still," and further that it proposes to uphold any lodge within its jurisdiction in acting on the spirit of the resolutions in the recognition of persons as regular masons whom this grand lodge in common with other grand lodges has expressly declared to be clandestine; and that by the adoption of these declarations it has destroyed the force of the mere formal act of rescission, and therefore has failed to remove the real cause which has given offense.

Resolved, That, in view of existing conditions, this grand lodge "does not see its way clear" to revoke, at this time, its action in withdrawing fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington.

Resolved, That reaffirming our former action in this behalf, we desire the Grand Lodge of Washington and all other grand bodies to distinctly understand that we sincerely desire to preserve and perpetuate fraternal relations with them all, and to this end are ready at any future time to rescind our action with reference to the Grand Lodge of Washington whenever we can do so without a sacrifice of a principle which we deem essential to the purity of our order, and to the protection and preservation of true masonic principles, usages, and landmarks.

The following decision was rendered in 1898 and referred to the committee on masonic jurisprudence :

One engaged in the business of retailing vinous, spirituous, and malt liquors ought not while so engaged to be made a mason.

An exhaustive review of the question was submitted by the committee, concluding with the following sensible opinion :

We think that the grand lodge should leave this matter solely with the members of the subordinate lodges and not declare as matter of law that engaging in any occupation sanctioned by the law of the state is in itself unmasonic.

A well written account of the ceremonies at Mount Vernon, Va., Dec. 14th, was prepared by the grand secretary, one of their representatives at the Washington memorial.

Bro. W. Y. Titcomb submitted his second report on foreign correspondence, a carefully prepared and very interesting document. Of Minnesota he says :

The oration by Bro. H. R. Adams, grand master, is a production of rare merit and beauty. His theme, Love, is handled in a masterly manner. His numerous poetical quotations are most apposite; while the truth to nature apparent in his eloquent expressions compels attention. We will not do him the injustice to make one or two brief extracts. Were it consistent with needed economizing of space, every word of the oration should be reproduced in this paper.

Bro. Irving Todd, chairman of the committee on correspondence, submitted a fine report of one hundred pages, reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges, two for two years. Alabama for 1897 heads the list. His notice of Alabama is kind and brotherly except in one particular, which is as follows :

A large proportion (alluding to decisions asked for) of the questions answered might have been easily disposed of by referring to their code, which contains about as much poor law as the office of a frontier justice of the peace when court is in actual session.

Bro. Todd seems, for some reason, to entertain a little spite towards Alabama, for this is second time, since we have been driving the reportorial quill, that he has made a fling at us of Alabama. But perhaps, when he penned the words quoted above, he was suffering with dyspepsia. At all events we will endeavor to tote the mantle of

charity on our shoulders and throw its ample folds, also, around his. Let us heed the lessons of love, so well expressed in the oration of the grand orator at St. Paul last January.

Let us also hope that the committee on revision, with its liberal powers of expunging, will submit a code next winter relieved of many of its objectionable features.

The writer has no spite towards Alabama or any other jurisdiction, therefore his criticisms are intended to be purely fraternal in scope and character. If he has erred in this respect it was certainly unintentional.

The growing practice of padding the annual address with answers to every trivial question is not confined to Alabama by any means. Very few of these arise to the dignity of decisions, and ninety per cent or more might be easily disposed of by reference to existing regulations, without wasting valuable time of the grand lodge or space in its printed proceedings. The letter book of the grand master is a sufficient record for such cases.

Their table of grand representatives is badly mixed. Bro. Brandenburg is credited to Illinois, and a brother from Kankakee to Minnesota.

M.: W.: B. D. Williams, Oxford, Grand Master, and R.: W.: H. C. Armstrong, Montgomery, Grand Secretary, were reelected; Bro. W. Y. Titcomb, Anniston, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

ARIZONA, 1899.

The eighteenth annual communication was held at Tucson, Nov. 14th, 15th, and 16th, M.: W.: A. A. Johns, Grand Master. Twelve lodges represented; fourteen on the roll. Eight past grand masters present.

Membership seven hundred and thirty-five; gain thirty-four. Receipts \$896.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

An interesting oration was delivered by Bro. C. D. Belden, grand orator; the dues of members of subordinate lodges in

the army were remitted; an official jewel was ordered for the grand master, to be worn by him and his successors while in office; the proposed payment of mileage to members and representatives was vetoed by the finance committee; and the grand treasurer was authorized to procure a jewel for each retiring grand master, at a cost not to exceed \$25.

M. W. W. F. Nichols, Willcox, Grand Master, V. W. W. G. J. Roskrue, Tucson, reëlected Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1900.

The twenty-ninth annual communication was held at Vancouver, June 21st, 22d, and 23d, M. W. R. E. Walker, Grand Master. Twenty-six lodges represented; twenty-seven on the roll. Four past grand masters and our representative present.

Four dispensations for new lodges. Membership sixteen hundred and ninety-nine; gain sixty. Receipts, \$3,389.50.

The deaths of Bro. Frederick Williams, past grand master, and Bro. John Buie, our former representative, were announced.

Bro. J. C. Smith, of Illinois, was an honored guest; divine service was attended in a body; a banquet was tendered by the local lodges; charters were granted to the four lodges under dispensation; and congratulations were cabled to the Prince of Wales upon the success of the British arms and prospects of peace.

Bro. W. A. De Wolf Smith presented another of his interesting reports on foreign correspondence, from which we extract the following:

The frontispiece to this volume is a splendid portrait of R. W. Bro. J. H. Thompson, who has served the grand lodge as grand treasurer since 1878.

An excellent oration was delivered by Bro. H. D. Dickinson on the theme Character and Duty. It is in every way worthy of the place accorded it in the proceedings.

Fifty-five grand lodges are reviewed by W. Bro. Irving Todd in another of his admirable reports on foreign correspondence. We have often envied his ability for condensation and wondered how he

got so much information into so small a space, but we believe that we have discovered the secret; he confesses to forty years of newspaper experience. British Columbia for 1899 receives a short notice, the report of your committee on foreign correspondence being favorably mentioned.

As is customary, the report of the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota appears in the volume. It is a document of much interest.

M. W. H. H. Watson, Vancouver, Grand Master; V. W. J. Quinlan, Nelson, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. A. De Wolf Smith, New Westminster, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

CALIFORNIA, 1899.

The fiftieth annual communication was held at San Francisco, Oct. 10th to 14th, M. W. F. M. Angellotti, Grand Master. Two hundred and thirty-four lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-three on the roll. Thirteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges; four lodges consolidated. Membership twenty thousand, four hundred, and forty-two; gain nine hundred. Receipts \$52,391.85.

The following were among the approved decisions:

12. A lodge may conduct the funeral service prescribed by our ritual over the remains of a deceased brother, although cremation of the remains is to follow.

15. A dispensation cannot be issued to a lodge to authorize it to hold a new election for officers, merely because the result of the annual election is unsatisfactory to the members. The officers duly elected at the time fixed by law are entitled to be installed, if they qualify and present themselves for installation.

17. A lodge has no right to use any of its funds for the payment of hall rent for a chapter of the Eastern Star.

31. The daughter of a master mason is entitled to receive assistance from masons, if she be in need, notwithstanding the fact that she is the widow of one who was not a mason. The fact that she has been married makes her no less the daughter of a master mason, and as such she is entitled to our consideration.

The relief boards report that San Francisco expended \$9,-675.70; Los Angeles, \$4,703.20; San Diego, \$265; Sacramento, \$1,158.85; Stockton, \$285.05; Oakland, \$1,330.95. There were three cases from Minnesota, at \$110.75.

The reports of the home give the total cost of that institution at \$136,950.85. There are thirty-seven inmates, supported at an average outlay of \$12.50 per month.

The constitutional amendment making the grand lecturer an elective officer was adopted; an appropriation of \$250 was made to the Washington memorial; the annual appropriation of \$480 to Bro. J. A. Tutt, past grand master, was continued; an elaborate report on negro masonry and the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington was submitted by the committee on jurisprudence and adopted, the appended resolutions being given in our report of last year; charters were granted to the four lodges under dispensation; an excellent oration was delivered by Bro. Carroll Cook, grand orator; the grand secretary was requested to publish the proceedings at the earliest practical date after the close of the session; the proposed semi-centennial celebration was declared off on account of the large amount of money involved; a testimonial was voted to Bro. J. H. Neff, chairman of the committee on finance, who declined reappointment; a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master; and memorial pages were inserted for fifty-six deceased past masters.

The usual fraternal report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. W. A. Davies, who says of Minnesota:

A fine portrait of Grand Master Stebbins appears on the opening page.

Bro. Thomas Montgomery submitted an unusually full and interesting grand secretary's report.

The annual review is presented by our W. Bro. Irving Todd, who rehearses the doings and gives his views upon the legislation of fifty-six grand jurisdictions.

The last thirty pages of the journal are devoted to the interests of the Masonic Veteran Association, and bears upon the opening page the portrait of its president, a handsome young man, who resembles almost any manner of man save and except the Old Vet. Too good looking, Bro. G. R. Metcalf; your portrait gives you away.

M.: W.: C. L. Patton, Grand Master; V.: W.: George Johnson reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. A. Davies, chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of San Francisco.

CANADA, 1900.

The forty-fifth annual communication was held at London, July 18th and 19th, M.: W.: E. T. Malone, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighteen lodges represented; three hundred and sixty-two on the roll. Seven past grand masters present, our representative included.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership twenty-five thousand, nine hundred, and twenty-two; gain eight hundred and thirty-eight. Receipts \$21,978.77.

The portraits are of five past grand masters.

The following were among the approved decisions:

1. I forbade the initiation of a man who, although possessing considerable worldly wealth, was unable to write or sign his name. I considered that a man so ignorant would be out of place in a masonic lodge. The admission of such a man would be a reflection on our institution.

2. I decided that in the examination of strangers who desire to visit a lodge that the tyler's oath should be administered after and not before the examination.

A warrant was issued to the lodge under dispensation; Bro. J. R. Robertson, past grand master, was appointed to the honorary position as historian of the grand lodge; the rank of past grand master was conferred upon Bro. W. A. Sutherland, past grand master of New York, and Bro. J. J. Mason, grand secretary; an appropriation of \$400 was made for presentation copies of Robertson's History of Freemasonry in Canada to sister grand lodges; a resolution of sympathy was extended to the families of those who lost their lives in the South African war; and a testimonial was voted to the retiring grand master.

A somewhat condensed report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. Henry Robertson, with two pages of extracts from Minnesota.

M.: W.: R. B. Hungerford, London, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. J. Mason, Hamilton, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Henry Robertson, Collingwood, committee on foreign correspondence.

CONNECTICUT, 1900.

The one hundred and twelfth annual communication was held at Hartford, Jan. 17th and 18th, M.: W.: G. G. McNall, Grand Master. One hundred and eight lodges represented; one hundred and nine on the roll. Eleven past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership seventeen thousand, four hundred, and forty-six; gain two hundred and fourteen. Receipts \$13,312.50.

The deaths of Bro. Dwight Phelps and Bro. J. H. Welsh, past grand masters, were announced.

The portraits are of the grand master and four deceased past grand officers.

The address calls attention to the growing number of exemptions from grand lodge dues by reason of the thirty year clause, embracing nearly a quarter of the total membership. The committee on finance, however, recommended a continuance of the deduction.

Provision was made for an associate grand chaplain in every county in the jurisdiction, but their duties were not defined, if they are supposed to have any; the petition for a charter to a proposed new lodge was granted, notwithstanding an adverse report from the committee; in order to reduce expenses the allowance to grand officers on official business was cut off, also the portraits in future proceedings, which is mistaken economy with over two hundred pages filled with names of members; and a jewel and apron were presented to the retiring grand master.

The report on masonic correspondence was prepared by the grand secretary, with the following complimentary allusions to Minnesota:

The oration delivered by the grand orator we would like to reproduce entire, did space allow.

We have in the pamphlet before us the usual able report on correspondence by Bro. Irving Todd, which includes the proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges, our own among them, which is kindly noticed. We gratefully appreciate his feeling words of sympathy.

The pamphlet before us also contains the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association, at its seventh annual reunion held Jan. 10th, of which Bro. G. R. Metcalf is president; his portrait fronts the proceedings. The occasion was largely of a social nature, the usual routine of business transacted. The banquet was spread, and was followed by the usual after dinner exercises, in which many reminiscences of the past were presented.

The reports of the home show fifty-one inmates; expenses \$6,507.37.

M.: W.: J. O. Rowland, New Haven, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. Barlow, Hartford, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued as committee on correspondence.

DELAWARE, 1900.

The ninety-fourth annual communication was held at Wilmington, Oct. 3d and 4th, M.: W.: W. W. Black, jr., Grand Master. Twenty-one lodges on the roll. Eight past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership two thousand, three hundred, and twenty; gain eighty-five. Receipts \$1,445.75.

The death of Bro. J. W. H. Watson, past grand master, was announced.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The Grand Lodge of Western Australia was recognized; a Maryland lodge was allowed to meet across the line for one year, for want of suitable quarters on their own side of the town; the salary of the chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence was increased to \$75, which is certainly little enough; several grand officers from New Jersey were welcomed as visitors; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The following report of the committee on grand master's address was adopted:

As to the request of the grand master of the Grand Lodge of Washington for an exchange of representatives, we recommend that the resolution passed at the last annual communication of this grand lodge be continued in force, and decline an exchange of representatives until this grand lodge is satisfied that the Grand Lodge of Washington shall have absolutely and unequivocally receded from its former position.

The following paragraphs pertaining to Minnesota are taken from Bro. L. H. Jackson's brief report on correspondence:

Bro. H. D. Dickinson, grand orator, delivered an instructive and helpful oration before the grand lodge.

Bro. Irving Todd presented, as usual, the report on correspondence, an able and interesting review of the proceedings of grand lodges, Delaware for 1899 among the number.

M.: W.: Joseph Stuart, Grand Master; R.: W.: B. F. Bartram reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. L. H. Jackson, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Wilmington.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1899.

At the semi-annual communication the Grand Lodge of Washington was fraternally requested to withdraw from her present position, that the peace and harmony of the grand lodges may be conserved; fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Peru were renewed; and the grand secretary announced the printing of the records from 1811 to 1845 inclusive.

The eighty-ninth annual communication was held at Washington, Nov. 8th, M.: W.: J. H. Small, jr., Grand Master. The twenty-five lodges all represented. Twelve past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership five thousand, five hundred, and seventy-nine; gain two hundred and sixty-seven. Receipts \$6,057.40.

The grand master reported the making at sight of Admiral W. S. Schley, and he may well be proud of an opportunity of conferring the degrees upon so distinguished a candidate.

An appropriation of \$150 was made to the Washington memorial, and the constitutional amendment allowing past grand masters an individual vote was rejected.

At the installation communication the committee on masonic home was granted further time, and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The grand secretary presented his thirtieth report on foreign correspondence, from which is taken the following personal allusion :

The report on correspondence, of just one hundred pages, was prefaced by Bro. Irving Todd, carefully reviewing fifty-six grand lodge proceedings, arranged alphabetically. Our own proceedings for 1897 had one page and over. If you wish to know the value of the report we say "Bro. Todd did it."

M.: W.: W. G. Henderson, Grand Master ; R.: W.: W. R. Singleton reelected Grand Secretary ; both of Washington.

FLORIDA, 1900.

The seventy-first annual communication was held at Jacksonville, Jan. 16th, 17th, and 18th, M.: W.: S. B. Wright, Grand Master. One hundred and forty lodges represented ; one hundred and forty-three on the roll. Seven past grand masters present, our representative included.

Three dispensations for new lodges ; two charters amended and one restored. Membership four thousand, three hundred, and twenty-one ; gain one hundred and thirty-four. Receipts \$6,565.26.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

Charters were granted to the four lodges under dispensation ; an oration was delivered by Bro. Reginald Weller, grand orator ; two lodges were authorized to consolidate ; the past master's degree was conferred on forty-one masters elect ; the representatives of the newly chartered lodges were placed on the pay roll ; and sympathies were extended to Bro. J. M. Hilliard, past grand master, detained at home by illness in his family.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: S. B. Wright, De Land, Grand Master, and R.: W.: W. P. Webster, Jacksonville, Grand Secretary, were reelected.

GEORGIA, 1900.

The one hundred and thirteenth annual communication was held at Macon, Oct. 30th, 31st, and Nov. 1st, M.: W.: W. A. Davis, Grand Master. Four hundred and nineteen lodges represented; four hundred and thirty on the roll. Two past grand masters and our representative present.

Five dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered and one restored. Membership nineteen thousand, three hundred, and thirty-two; same as last year. Receipts, \$19,980.75.

The deaths of Bro. J. P. Shannon and Bro. S. D. Irvin, past grand masters, and Bro. W. S. Ramsey, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, were announced. The latter had won a national reputation by his thorough and painstaking reports, and his death is sincerely regretted:

The portraits are of the grand master and a past grand master.

The children from the industrial home gave an entertainment, supplemented by a collection of \$125.39; the committee on masonic home reported subscriptions to the amount of \$1,834.25, and was directed to report a plan next year; a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master; charters were granted the five lodges under dispensation; and a communication from Bro. J. I. Wright, a past grand master now living in Texas, was printed in the proceedings.

The vacancy in the committee on foreign correspondence was acceptably filled by Bro. A. M. Lambdin. The following quotations are taken from his review of Minnesota:

The oration of Grand Orator H. D. Dickinson is a masterpiece of masonic literature. His subject was Character and Duty. We quote a few sentences.

The report on correspondence was prepared by Bro. Irving Todd. He condenses a great deal in the two pages given to Georgia, thereby bringing out all the important actions of our session of 1899.

M. W. Max Meyerhardt, Rome, Grand Master ; R. W. W. A. Wolihin, Macon, reelected Grand Secretary ; Bro. A. Q. Moody, Boston, committee on foreign correspondence.

IDAHO, 1900.

The thirty-third annual communication was held at Boise, Sept. 11th, 12th, and 13th, M. W. J. C. Muerman, Grand Master. Twenty-five lodges represented ; twenty-eight on the roll. Five past grand masters present ; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge ; one charter surrendered. Membership thirteen hundred ; gain one hundred and fifty-seven. Receipts \$3,391.80.

In addition to the grand lodge group there are portraits of the grand master elect and a past grand master.

The grand master reported that he had visited each lodge once, and several twice ; the non-affiliate legislation of last year was repealed ; a reception and banquet was given by the ladies of the Eastern Star ; a charter was granted to the lodge under dispensation ; the Grand Orient of Belgium was notified to sever its friendly relations with the Grand Orient of France, or the commission of their representative would be withdrawn ; the request of the United Grand Lodge of Mexico for recognition was denied ; the status of members in the liquor traffic was left to the will of the lodges interested ; the question of adoptive work was referred to a committee of three past grand masters, to report next year ; several amendments to the by-laws were made ; an appropriation of \$50 was made to the brethren in Galveston ; and the signet ring was transferred to the incoming grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was from the ready pen of Bro. F. G. Mock, who touches up Minnesota as follows :

The picture of a scholarly looking gentleman faces the title page of this volume, but the inscription underneath is not quite intelligible. It reads, "J. H. Thompson, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Minnesota 1878-1901." Mistake in the type, or they elect in advance ; but, no matter, their funds are safe while in his hands.

Idaho was not represented.

The grand master opens his address with "Time in its ever onward course," but gets down to the business at hand and renders a good report of the business of his office during the year.

Bro. H. D. Dickinson delivered a carefully prepared oration on Character and Duty.

Bro. Irving Todd prepared the report on correspondence. Truly the work of a master's hand.^v The proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges are noted, Idaho for 1899 receiving fraternal notice. He quotes liberally from our review of his jurisdiction last year, and tells us the record shows the dancing dispensation was not granted. Well, Bro. Todd, we are glad it wasn't, and tender our apologies. It was not our intention to misrepresent you in any way. The writer's oration is pronounced "brief but eloquent," which calls for our best acknowledgments.

There is no mistake about Bro. Thompson in any way, shape, or manner. He was elected grand treasurer in 1878, and his present term expires in 1901.

Bro. E. P. Barnum, representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho, was duly recorded present, as he invariably is, and we trust will long continue to be.

M.: W.: G. D. Golden, Rocky Bar, Grand Master, R.: W.: T. W. Randall, Boise, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. F. G. Mock, Nampa, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

ILLINOIS, 1900.

The sixty-first annual communication was held at Chicago, Oct. 2d, 3d, and 4th, M.: W.: C. F. Hitchcock, Grand Master. Seven hundred and fourteen lodges represented; seven hundred and twenty-three on the roll. Eight past grand masters present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership fifty-seven thousand, three hundred, and twenty-five; gain two thousand, one hundred, and ninety-four. Receipts \$43,319.

The deaths of Bro. Harrison Dills, past grand master, and Bro. E. L. Stoker, our representative, were announced.

The portraits are of three early past grand masters.

One decision was reported, as follows:

A lodge may enact a by-law providing for the election of all the officers.

An appropriation of \$1,000 was made for the relief of their Texas brethren; charters were granted the two lodges under dispensation; lodges were permitted to use costumes and paraphernalia as portrayed on an established chart; the revised Book of Ceremonials was adopted and ordered printed: the per capita tax was reduced to sixty cents; and a very readable address on The Operative Mason was delivered by Bro. John Faville, grand orator.

A revolution in their method of dispensing charity was inaugurated. The committee on finance recommended appropriations of \$10,000 each to the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home and the Illinois Masonic Home for the Aged, and \$1,000 to the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of Illinois, which was amended by the adoption of the following:

That all the assets in the grand treasury of this grand lodge in excess of the sum of \$30,000 par value of the bonds be converted into cash and less the obligations, appropriations, and expenses incidental to this annual communication be pro rated back to the lodges from which it was contributed in proportion to their membership as shown in their last reports as the nucleus of a charity fund in each lodge.

Deducting the appropriations and the \$30,000 from the reported assets would give, in round numbers, a per capita of \$1.50, an inconsiderable amount to the smaller lodges and a vexation and annoyance to the larger ones. The grand lodge has undoubtedly made a serious mistake in thus frittering away upwards of \$85,000, a fund which it could have administered much more prudently and economically in a lump than its seven hundred and twenty-five subordinates can hope to do in piece-meals. It savors very much of the repeated though happily unsuccessful attempts to divide up the great public school funds of the northwestern states among the petty denominational schools. Then the distribution is not fair, the lodges which have paid dues for sixty years receiving no more per present member than those who have paid dues but one year or none at all. Bro. Robbins is opposed to masonic homes and

so are we as a general rule, but this latest scheme of his is worse than the Arkansas temple.

The following extract is taken from the report of the committee on obituaries:

M. W. Bro. Alphonso Barto, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, died Nov. 4th, 1899, at the age of sixty-five years. He had been honored with many positions of trust and responsibility in the public service, and was faithful to every trust. He was made a mason in Geneva Lodge No. 139, of this jurisdiction, in November, 1861, and subsequently became a member of Elgin Lodge No. 117, from which he subsequently dimitted to transfer his membership to the jurisdiction of Minnesota. He was always a zealous and consistent mason, a good citizen, a kind husband, father, and friend; dying he left an unsullied name as a rich legacy to his family and the fraternity to whose interests he devoted so much of his life.

Bro. Robbins has returned to the old plan of preparing foreign correspondence reports, in which he doubtless finds himself more at home. From the four pages allotted to Minnesota we reproduce the following:

Bro. Barto was personally known to many Illinois masons, he having received the degrees in Geneva Lodge No. 139, in 1861. In 1862 he enlisted in Company K, Fifty-second Illinois Infantry, was mustered out as captain in 1865, and served a term as treasurer of Kane County before removing to Minnesota in 1869. Members of the grand lodge will remember him as a visitor after he became grand master of Minnesota. In his new home he served in the legislature, was elected lieutenant governor, and was afterwards registrar of the land office at St. Cloud. A strong, true man, the memorial of the committee on necrology reflects the tenderness and the enduring quality of the tie by which he bound his brothers to him.

Bro. H. D. Dickinson, grand orator, delivered a strong, scholarly, sensible oration on Character and Duty, worthy of preservation in the archives of any grand lodge.

When Bro. J. H. Thompson had been installed as grand treasurer for the twenty-third time, it was unanimously voted that his portrait be inserted in the proceedings at the expense of the grand lodge; and that is why his finely cut, smoothly shaven, intent, and impassive face looks out upon us from the fly leaf of the Minnesota volume.

The report on correspondence is as usual by Bro. Irving Todd, who condenses so deftly that matter piles itself up on his editorial table every day, just for the pleasure of being condensed and of see-

ing how itself looks after being shorn of its padding. Illinois for 1899 gets somewhat over three pages of his precious space.

He kindly gives much space to our report, and makes a (for him) long quotation from the conclusion of our remarks on the topic of negro masonry. In closing the subject he says:

Our distinguished brother holds that the charter from the Grand Lodge of England legalized all past and future acts of African Lodge. Granting this view to be correct, which we do not, may we be permitted to inquire what value that document possesses after the Grand Lodge of England erased No. 459 from its roll of lodges in 1812, for cause?

No more value than the charters of other English lodges in Massachusetts which were erased at the same time and for the same cause. But this does not touch our position. The real question is, what value did it possess when other lodges holding charters from the same source joined in forming the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1792, eighteen years before the time of which he speaks?

Of course our brother falls into error in saying that we hold that the charter from the Grand Lodge of England legalized all future acts of African Lodge. We do hold that the granting of the charter foreclosed all question of the regularity of the lodge for all the lodges which joined in forming the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and *a fortiori* for all the lodges which, at the moment of such joining, depended upon charters from the same source for their own masonic status.

At the union in 1792 the only lodge reported as standing out was St. Andrews, holding a charter from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The others appear to have been chartered either by Massachusetts Grand Lodge or St. John's Grand Lodge, which united at that time to form the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and received new charters from that body. If the brethren of that jurisdiction did not see fit to invite the so-called African Lodge to join the movement it was a matter entirely of their own concern, and is so still.

Of what moment was the erasure of their English charters in 1812 to the three Massachusetts lodges that had been working under other competent authority eighteen years and longer?

If the future acts of African Lodge were not legalized by the charter from the Grand Lodge of England, then that lodge ceased to have a lawful existence when erased from the roll in 1812, and so remains now, henceforth, and forever.

M. W. C. F. Hitchcock, Peoria, Grand Master, and R. W. J. H. C. Dill, Bloomington, Grand Secretary, were re-elected; Bro. Joseph Robbins, Quincy, committee on correspondence.

INDIANA, 1900.

The seventy-ninth annual communication was held at Indianapolis, May 22d and 23d, M. W. William Geake, Grand Master. Four hundred and ninety-three lodges represented; four hundred and ninety-six on the roll. Fourteen grand masters and our representative present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; one charter revoked. Membership thirty-two thousand, one hundred, and twenty-two; gain twelve hundred and twenty-one. Receipts \$18,477.24.

The deaths of Bro. N. R. Ruckle and Bro. J. J. Todd, past grand masters, and Bro. B. W. Thompson, honorary member, were announced.

The portraits are of the grand master elect and the three deceased brethren just named.

Charters were granted to the four lodges under dispensation; the practice of casting an unanimous ballot for elective officers of the grand lodge was properly ordered discontinued, at the request of a subordinate lodge; the address of President McKinley at the Washington memorial was included in the report of their delegates; recognition of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico was postponed; thanks were returned to a business firm for the present of a clock; the request of the Gran Dieta of Mexico for recognition was indefinitely postponed; the grand secretary was voted a vacation and an appropriation of \$250 as a token of respect and esteem; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

A report of the ceremonies at the unveiling of the monument to the memory of Bro. A. A. Meek, past grand master, at Madison, May 24th, 1899, is given as an appendix, together with the addresses and a cut of the handsome stone.

There is no report on foreign correspondence owing to the death of Bro. N. R. Ruckle, the accomplished chairman of

the committee. His loss is sincerely mourned by the guild, to whom he had been known so long and so well.

M.: W.: O. E. Holloway, Knightstown, Grand Master; R.: W.: W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. T. B. Long, Terre Haute, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

INDIAN TERRITORY, 1900.

The twenty-seventh annual communication was held at Wagoner, Aug. 14th and 15th, M.: W.: P. B. Arthur, Grand Master. Seventy-eight lodges represented; ninety-one on the roll. Six past grand masters present, our representative included.

Six dispensations for new lodges. Membership three thousand, seven hundred, and eighty; gain one hundred and fifty. Receipts \$5,043.09.

The address is a formidable document, fifty-six decisions being reported at great length. None of them are of more than local interest.

An interesting account of the Washington memorial was submitted by the grand secretary, their representative on that occasion; charters were granted to five lodges under dispensation, one being continued; a very readable address was delivered by Bro. Eugene Hamilton, grand orator; a brief report on correspondence was read by the grand secretary, and a full report ordered next year; lodges doing work at the request of another lodge were authorized to retain one-half of the fee; and resolutions endorsing the order of the Eastern Star were adopted.

M.: W.: J. W. F. Parker, Davis, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. S. Murrow, Atoka, reëlected Grand Secretary.

IOWA, 1900.

The fifty-seventh annual communication was held at Cedar Rapids, June 5th, 6th, and 7th, M.: W.: Thomas Lambert, Grand Master. Four hundred and thirty-eight lodges repre-

sented; four hundred and eighty-two on the roll. Seven past grand masters present.

Eight dispensations for new lodges; four charters surrendered. Membership twenty-nine thousand, three hundred, and twenty-eight; gain eight hundred and ninety-eight. Receipts \$24,550.33.

The death of Bro. E. A. Guilbert, past grand master, was announced.

The gavel used at the opening was the one wielded by Bro. T. S. Parvin in 1852; telegrams of sympathy were sent to several absent brethren; charters were granted to the eight lodges under dispensation; handsome aprons were presented to three past grand masters; thanks were tendered a daily newspaper for reporting the proceedings in full, a precedent which the secular press is recommended to follow at future meetings; and a reception was given in the library building by the chapter of the Eastern Star.

If the annual meetings are to be hereafter treated as public property, why not throw them open to visitors?

The report on correspondence was again presented by Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, with the usual fraternal allusions to Minnesota. He says:

A portrait of Bro. J. H. Thompson, grand treasurer, 1878-1901, adorns this volume—a strong, noble, manly face, not unworthy to be a companion portrait to that of Bro. William McKinley, erstwhile of Ohio.

Grand Secretary Montgomery's report is, as usual, modest, impersonal, complete.

Grand Orator H. D. Dickinson discoursed ably and eloquently on Character and Duty.

The report on correspondence (one hundred and thirty pages) is again from the vigorous and versatile veteran journalist, Bro. Irving Todd. He takes two lines for introductory remarks and two words for conclusion, in both instances showing good training as a reporter. Hence his report is largely written; his condenser can put "a lengthy, grandiloquent address" into a single line, and pack prosaic proceedings into a compass little dreamed of by the dullards who prosed—or posed. Iowa for 1899 is compressed into three pages, and the result is full-cream cheese.

The proceedings of the Veteran Association, at the eighth annual reunion, kept up the interest awakened by perusing former records.

* * * The president's address and the other papers presented are of permanent value, and will be a mine of wealth to gladden the heart of the future historian of masonry in the northwest.

The following appears under the head of Washington :

A special committee on negro masonry, of which Bro. J. R. Hayden was chairman, made a report which has been the subject of diverse comment in all grand jurisdictions. It is a singularly acute document, which, while saying much, really says little on the vital issue which has caused disturbance among the craft. They defend sturdily and ingeniously; they confess reluctantly, and but partially; they withdraw nominally, but not really, from the controverted positions; they deny some of the naughty things with which they have been charged; they say that they won't do so again, and hope to be forgiven; and that the other fellows who have "lammed" them so unmercifully are worse than they are, anyway.

M. W. W. L. Eaton, Osage, Grand Master; R. W. T. S. Parvin, Cedar Rapids, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. C. W. Coxe, Washington, chairman of the committee on fraternal correspondence.

KANSAS, 1900.

The forty-fourth annual communication was held at Topeka, Feb. 21st and 22d, M. W. H. C. Loomis, Grand Master. Two hundred and seventy-five lodges represented; three hundred and fifty-nine on the roll. Nine past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges. Membership twenty thousand, seven hundred, and forty; gain seven hundred and fifty-six. Receipts \$16,413.04.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The Grand Master of Wisconsin was welcomed as a visitor; the recommendation of the grand master that the flag of our country be displayed in open lodge at every stated and special communication was adopted; the amount expended by the lodges for charity during the year was reported at \$8,136.19; an elaborate oration was delivered by Bro. T. W. Jeffrey, grand orator; three charters were granted to lodges un-

der dispensation, and one refused; a standing regulation was adopted prohibiting claims for reimbursement for sums advanced as charity in the absence of an explicit agreement; the badge worn by the grand master at the Washington memorial was presented as a souvenir, to be hereafter worn by the grand masters on the second day of the session; a standing regulation was adopted depriving lodges of representation for failure to make their annual reports on time; the report of the home show twenty-nine inmates, maintained at an expense of \$7,911.47; a gavel was presented by the retiring grand master, who was voted a suitable memento; and it was resolved to include portraits of past grand officers in future proceedings.

Bro. J. C. Postlethwaite submitted his third report on correspondence, a carefully prepared paper, with the following complimentary words for Minnesota:

The proceedings favor us with a portrait of A. T. Stebbins, present grand master, whose pleasant appearance encouraged a desire to investigate the actions of the grand lodge.

The grand master required fifteen pages of the proceedings to tell the story of his official career, which is a well written and interesting report.

The grand orator, R. W. Bro. H. R. Adams, delivered his address upon the subject of Love, full of lofty thoughts and inspiration, and if we had the space it would be reproduced in this report.

R. W. Bro. Irving Todd submits the report on foreign correspondence, and proves his ability as a condenser of the proceedings of the various grand lodges and his power to focus the good things contained therein to a comparatively small space.

The proceedings contain an account of the seventh annual reunion of the Masonic Veterans' Association, at which addresses historical, pleasant and instructive, were delivered; but our space is fully occupied, and we cannot refer to these excellent addresses in a fitting manner, hence we pass on.

Bro. Postlethwaite is of the opinion that in laying the corner stone of a new masonic building no reference to the north-east corner should be required, in which we concur.

M. W. C. J. Webb, Grand Master; R. W. A. K. Wilson, reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Topeka; Bro. J. C. Postlethwaite, Jewell City, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

KENTUCKY, 1900.

The one hundredth annual communication was held at Louisville, Oct. 16th, 17th, and 18th, M. W. J. A. Ramsey, Grand Master. Four hundred and forty lodges represented; four hundred and sixty-eight on the roll. Sixteen past grand masters present.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; three charters arrested and three surrendered. Membership nineteen thousand, eight hundred, and seventy; gain ten hundred and eighty. Receipts, \$19,749.22.

The death of Bro. J. S. Smith, past grand master, was announced.

The portraits are of the grand master and the grand master elect, with cuts of the Hiram Bassett and centennial medals.

The one hundredth anniversary of the organization of the grand lodge was observed the first afternoon, with an appropriate programme.

The following appears among the approved decisions:

7: The election of officers by a lodge when the charter is not present is illegal. They cannot be installed and the old officers hold over.

The organization of a clandestine grand lodge at Covington was reported, its officers being composed of the masters and wardens of three subordinate lodges of its obedience. A Royal Arch chapter also appears to be connected with the bogus concern.

The committee on old masons' home reported progress; eight charters were granted and two dispensations continued; the action of the grand master in forwarding \$500 to the Galveston sufferers was approved; a proposed loan of \$100,000 for building a new temple was agreed to, the old one having been sold by the directors of the home, to whom it was donated ten years ago; and jewels were ordered for the past grand masters, at a cost not to exceed \$50 each.

The report on foreign correspondence was again prepared by Bro. J. W. Staton. In the two pages allotted to Minnesota are found the following complimentary allusions:

A finely executed half tone picture of Bro. J. H. Thompson, grand treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, adorns the front of the proceedings.

In all it was a most sensible address.

The faithful grand secretary has given a most excellent account of his stewardship, accompanied with some wholesome advice. A good grand secretary is a gem in any grand lodge.

An appropriation of thirty dollars per month was made to the widow of our lamented brother, A. T. C. Pierson. A generous act.

The address of the grand orator covered nine pages of the record. Subject, Character and Duty. It seems to read pretty well.

Bro. Irving Todd produced another excellent report on correspondence, embracing one hundred and thirty well-filled pages. He gives to Kentucky proceedings about two and a half pages of most fraternal review.

Appended to the proceedings is the pamphlet of proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota. It is a very interesting pamphlet in every particular. It has connected with it two half tone pictures of two of the earliest made masons after the introduction of masonry in the territory of Minnesota. It also has a half tone of the old Central House, St. Paul, in which the first lodge was instituted. The perusal of this excellent paper has certainly been a great pleasure to this writer.

M. W. W. C. McChord, Springfield, Grand Master; R. W. H. B. Grant, Louisville, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. W. Staton, Brooksville, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

LOUISIANA, 1900.

The eighty-eighth annual communication was held at New Orleans, Feb. 12th, 13th, and 14th, M. W. A. C. Allen, Grand Master. Sixty-five lodges represented; one hundred and thirty-one on the roll. Six past grand masters and our representative present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered. Membership five thousand, nine hundred, and sixty-two; gain one hundred and five. Receipts \$18,267.22.

The death of Bro. A. W. Hyatt, grand treasurer since 1875, was announced.

Among the approved decisions was the following:

1. Is a master mason's daughter, after having married a man not a mason, and being separated from her husband, entitled to any claim upon the fraternity for charity or aid? My answer was in the affirmative. A master mason's daughter is always a master mason's daughter, when worthy. And, when poor and distressed, she has a right to ask the protection of masons.

A decrease of \$12,800 in the bonded debt was reported, in addition to the payment of \$3,000 floating indebtedness; the sum of \$825.80 was expended during the year by Relief Lodge, of which \$18 went to applicants from Minnesota; charters were granted to the five lodges under dispensation; the subordinate lodges were prohibited from receiving any one as a visitor hailing from a jurisdiction not in fraternal relations with the grand lodge; the rule against joint occupancy of lodge halls except in cases of emergency was reaffirmed by the jurisprudence committee; resolutions complimentary to Bro. S. M. Todd, a past grand master in his eighty-fifth year, were unanimously adopted and spread upon the minutes; and the committee on foreign correspondence was requested to prepare a report next year.

A report upon the Grand Lodge of Washington was made by the committee on foreign correspondence, and the following resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the opinion of the most worshipful grand master that the time has not yet come for the resumption of fraternal intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington be adopted as that of this grand lodge.

There was no other report from the committee.

M.: R.: R. H. Cage, Grand Master; R.: W.: Richard Lambert reelected Grand Secretary; both of New Orleans; Bro. H. C. Duncan, Alexandria, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

MAINE, 1900.

The eighty-first annual communication was held at Portland, May 1st, 2d, and 3d, M. W. W. S. Choate, Grand Master. One hundred and eighty-three lodges represented; one hundred and ninety-five on the roll. Twelve past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership twenty-two thousand, two hundred, and seventy-seven; gain one hundred and twelve. Receipts, \$6,413.92.

The death of Bro. Hiram Chase, their senior past grand master, was announced.

The following amendment to the constitution was adopted:

A brother suspended from membership for non-payment of dues will be restored by the payment or remission of the amount due at the time of his suspension, at any time within five years thereafter; but after that time he can be restored only upon his application and a two-thirds vote of the lodge, after payment or remission of the amount in arrears.

The standing regulation prohibiting any business after concluding the election was repealed; the per diem was fixed at \$2 and the mileage at the amount actually paid out by the representatives; the grand master was authorized to appoint a special committee in case of death of a grand officer or past grand officer, to present a memorial at the next session; and the salary of the grand secretary was fixed at \$600, rather small pay for so large a jurisdiction.

Bro. J. H. Drummond devotes over five pages to a fraternal review of Minnesota, from which are taken the following paragraphs:

The frontispiece gives a splendid portrait of Bro. J. H. Thompson, grand treasurer 1878-1901; we think the last number will have to be changed; since 1878 would be better, as it will be carried for years to come, if our brother survives, as we trust he will.

A very fine address was delivered by the grand orator.

The report on correspondence (one hundred and thirty pages) was presented by Bro. Irving Todd. * * * His report is one of the most compact, "boiled down" abstracts we have ever met, involving careful reading of the proceedings and a good deal of work.

These proceedings include the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association, which are full of very interesting history and biography, illustrated with portraits. We have been favored annually with these reports, and we prize them exceedingly. They are now paged consecutively.

Of the restoration of the original charter of St. Paul Lodge No. 3 he says:

It was proper and right for the grand lodge to right the wrong, even after this lapse of time; but exceptions must be taken as to the manner in which it was done. In 1856 the regularity of the surrender of the charter depended upon whether due notice of the meeting of the lodge was given; that was a question of fact for the grand lodge to decide, and its decision was final, so far as the regularity of its own action is concerned; all the more so, because the question was actually raised and was decided by it. Its action may have been wrong, but it was not "void and of no effect," and no subsequent grand lodge had the rightful power to declare it so. The grand lodge in 1900 had the right to investigate the matter, and find that the grand lodge of 1856 had been fraudulently induced to accept the surrender of the old charter, and, for that, reason, restore it, but endorsing this action upon the 1853 charter and delivering it to the lodge to be preserved in the archives as conclusive evidence of the regularity of its work while it had worked under that charter. The principle involved is one of the utmost importance; for if the action of the grand lodge, in a matter in which it has jurisdiction, can be declared "void" at a subsequent session, we can never know whether our work is regular or clandestine, and we have in fact no government at all.

Under the head of Kansas he pertinently observes:

He discards the word foreign and uses the word fraternal instead; others have done the same. It is a curious illustration of how the original reason for a name is lost sight of in process of time. When these reports originated this term was used simply to distinguish the correspondence from other jurisdictions from home correspondence, of which the grand officers had charge. We continue to use the old term because it correctly describes the correspondence which goes into the hands of the committee, and fraternal does not; and, moreover, correspondence is not less fraternal because it is foreign, and no more so because it is not.

M. W. W. S. Choate, Augusta, Grand Master, and R. W. Stephen Berry, Portland, Grand Secretary, were re-elected; Bro. J. H. Drummond, Portland, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

MANITOBA, 1900.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Winnipeg, June 13th and 14th, M. W. John Leslie, Grand Master. Forty-six lodges represented; sixty-one on the roll. Nine past masters and our representative present.

Seven dispensations for new lodges. Membership three thousand and ninety-one; gain two hundred and twenty-one. Receipts, \$2,977.01.

The portrait is that of the grand master elect.

There was but one decision reported, that a man who had lost his left leg above the knee could be initiated into masonry. Compared with the ruling of last year the loss of a foot is a bar; the loss of a leg is not.

The address treats upon a number of pertinent masonic topics in an eminently practical manner; a number of interesting quotations might be made were it not a question of space.

Bro. W. G. Scott, the efficient grand secretary for the past eighteen years, concludes his report with a fond adieu, having declined reelection. His retirement will be regretted by very many brethren outside of that jurisdiction for his uniform promptness in responding to the numerous calls upon his time and attention.

The grand librarian again thanks Senator Nelson for supplying public documents; six charters were granted and one dispensation continued; a cablegram was ordered forwarded to the Grand Master of England with congratulations on the success of the British arms in South Africa and the prospects for speedy peace; thanks were tendered to the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem for a handsome gavel; suitable testimonials were voted for presentation to the retiring grand master and grand secretary; the grand master's address was ordered read in each subordinate lodge at the first regular meeting after the receipt of the proceedings; the matter of erecting a future home was approved; the rank of past district deputy grand master was conferred upon nine brethren; and a chain collar was presented to Bro. G. B. Murphy, past grand master.

M. W. R. S. Thornton, Deloraine, Grand Master; R. W. J. A. Ovas, Winnipeg, Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND, 1899.

The semi-annual communication was held at Baltimore, May 9th, M. W. T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. No business of importance was transacted.

The one hundred and thirteenth annual communication was held at Baltimore, Nov. 21st and 22d, M. W. T. J. Shryock, Grand Master. Ninety-seven lodges represented; one hundred and three on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

Membership eight thousand and twenty-one; gain two hundred and thirty-seven. Receipts \$35,551.05.

The Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized; a form of by-laws for subordinate lodges was adopted; lodges having civil charters were recommended to surrender the same and hold their property through trustees; and a resolution of condolence was forwarded to Bro. J. M. Anderson, past deputy grand master, suffering from a recent accident.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by the veteran Bro. E. T. Schultz, with the aid of a reader and amanuensis. Minnesota is noticed as follows:

Bro. H. R. Adams, the grand orator, delivered a finished oration, his theme being Love.

Past Grand Master N. P. Langford, of Montana, was present and gave an interesting account of masonry in Montana in early days.

Bro. Irving Todd is again the author of the report on correspondence. It contains an even one hundred pages, in which, as heretofore, he ably reviews the proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges, Maryland for 1897 being among the number.

In the appendix is given the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota. A portrait of the president, G. A. Metcalf, is given. Six addresses of an interesting character are printed with the proceedings. A paper read by Bro. Francisco De P. Rodriguez, secretary of the Cuban Veteran Association, is particularly valuable and interesting at this time.

—Under the head of Washington he says:

While the Grand Lodge of Washington has complied with the request of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the other grand lodges named to rescind what we regard as obnoxious legislation, the tone of some parts of the foregoing declaration is not to be commended. On

the contrary, in the opinion of your committee, some of the declarations are almost as objectionable as the resolution repealed. But the Grand Lodge of Washington having complied with the request of the Grand Lodge of Maryland to reconsider its legislation, the incident, so far as we are concerned, may be considered closed.

M.: W.: T. J. Shryock, Grand Master, and R.: W.: J. H. Medairy, Grand Secretary, were reëlected; Bro. E. T. Schultz, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence; all of Baltimore.

MASSACHUSETTS, 1899.

At the March quarterly fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Peru.

At the June quarterly an interesting historical paper was read by Bro. S. D. Nickerson, recording grand secretary, upon the Massachusetts-Pennsylvania controversy as to their masonic priority.

The annual communication was held at Boston, Dec. 13th, M.: W.: C. C. Hutchinson, Grand Master. One hundred and eighty-five lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-five on the roll. Six past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership thirty-nine thousand, eight hundred, and seventy-one; gain five hundred and thirty-seven. Receipts \$29,599.37.

The portrait is that of the retiring grand master.

The total amount of trust funds was reported at \$178,844.80; a charter was granted to the lodge under dispensation; the new temple was dedicated on St. John's Day, with installation of the grand officers and the annual feast.

M.: W.: C. T. Gallagher, Grand Master; R.: W.: S. D. Nickerson reëlected Recording Grand Secretary; both of Boston.

MICHIGAN, 1900.

The fifty-sixth annual communication was held at Detroit, Jan. 23d and 24th, M.: W.: F. T. Lodge, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty-four lodges represented; three hun-

dred and eighty-six on the roll. Seventeen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One charter arrested; two lodges consolidated. Membership forty-one thousand, nine hundred, and seventeen; gain fifteen hundred and thirty. Receipts \$19,010.82.

The death of Bro. J. S. Cross, past grand master, was announced.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The annual address is the most formidable document of the season, filling with accompanying papers one hundred and thirteen pages. No wonder the report on foreign correspondence was ordered cut down. There were sixty-three decisions, none of general interest.

A delegation from the Grand Lodge of Canada were welcomed as visitors, bearing a beautiful loving cup as a fraternal memento; a roll of honor, consisting of their deceased past grand masters, was read and the grand honors paid; the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico and the Grand Orient of Belgium were recognized; the request of the Gran Dieta of Mexico for recognition was denied, the special committee filing an adverse report at great length; the same committee also turned down the petition of the colored lodge, and congratulated the Grand Lodge of Washington upon the rescinding of the obnoxious resolutions; the appropriation for the grand master's expenses was increased to \$750; in order to reduce expenses the report on foreign correspondence was ordered omitted from future proceedings, and but two copies instead of three furnished to the subordinate lodges; the jewel of a deceased past grand master, redeemed from a pawn shop for \$15, was placed in the archives; the report of the home shows thirty-seven inmates, and cost of maintenance for eleven months \$5,150.43; an increase of five cents in the per capita tax was made for the benefit of the home; the grand representatives were invited to be present next year, with a talk of five minutes each concerning the jurisdictions from which they are accredited; a special committee was appointed to recommend a plan for the suitable observance of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of their first grand lodge; the minority report of the jurisprudence committee reversing five decisions of the

grand master on physical disqualifications was adopted; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

The grand secretary presented a report on correspondence, fifty pages, which he thinks is not worth the paper on which it is written. It certainly is not particularly creditable to a great jurisdiction like Michigan.

M.: W.: L. E. Wood, Niles, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. S. Conover, Coldwater, reelected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI, 1900.

The eighty-second annual communication was held at Meridian, Feb. 21st and 22d, R.: W.: H. H. Folk, Deputy Grand Master. Two hundred and thirty-eight lodges represented; two hundred and seventy-five on the roll. Fourteen past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Four dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership nine thousand, five hundred, and eighty; gain two hundred and eighty-nine. Receipts \$6,018.46.

The portrait is that of the deputy grand master, who had been acting grand master since August owing to the absence of Bro. William Starling from the jurisdiction.

The following is found among the approved decisions:

4. A lodge succeeding to the jurisdiction of a defunct lodge may recommend the restoration of a suspended or expelled member of such defunct lodge.

Under the head of the Grand Lodge of Washington the address says:

Since our last annual grand communication the Grand Lodge of Washington has adopted what it is pleased to call a declaration, in which it pretends to reconsider its former action relating to the clandestine negro lodges in Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and elsewhere, but which in fact is but a mass of verbiage, the precise meaning of which is not entirely clear to the average mind, doubtless meant to conceal rather than to disclose the real intentions. There is, however, no real abandonment of its former proposition as contained in the resolutions of 1898, which caused us to break off fraternal relations with that grand lodge; and on the contrary there is asserted a new

and strange doctrine which is revolutionary, and in reality a greater menace to the masonic institution than its previous action was. In this declaration it is asserted that each lodge possesses the plenary right to determine for themselves—but for no one else—subject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons, claiming to be masons, who knock at their doors, either for the purpose of visiting or as applicants for affiliation. That is to say, that a subordinate lodge in Washington can set aside for its own purposes the judgment of a lodge in expelling or suspending a mason, or of a grand lodge in adjudicating an individual, or lodge of individuals, clandestine. The mere statement of so wild and extravagant a proposition is enough to secure its condemnation. Practically a lodge in Washington has the plenary right to set aside the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in expelling the members of the so-called cerneau lodges in that state, and the action of every other lodge on earth in pronouncing any organization whatever clandestine, or any mason expelled, by absolving the lodge members from their obligation not to recognize or hold masonic intercourse with any but regular masons. There is concealed beneath the flow of words in this so-called declaration all that was bad and vicious in its resolution of the previous year, and if it has receded from any position asserted therein I am unable to perceive it.

It is not astounding to find that a grand lodge which seems so determined, as this one appears to be, to set itself outside of the pale of masonic recognition, should have taken two additional steps in declaring its independence of all masonic control by resuming its relations with the atheistical Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, by repealing its edicts of non-intercourse with those bodies, as it did at the same communication.

I do not see how we can well fellowship with a grand lodge which claims that "it is amenable to no superior jurisdiction on earth," and "will not tolerate the slightest infringement from any source whatever upon its powers and prerogatives as the sole constitutional head of a body of independent lodges; and, in particular, (it) maintains that it is amenable to no superior jurisdiction under heaven," which declaration means, if it means anything, that it will not be bound by those universal laws which have grown up with the growth of masonry and been adopted from time to time as wise and salutary for the promotion of the general welfare of the whole institution, amongst which may be mentioned the charges of the master at his installation, the American doctrine of grand lodge jurisdiction, and the obligations taken at the altar. So long as this is the attitude of the Grand Lodge of Washington, other grand lodges have the right to say that they will not hold masonic intercourse with it, as being beyond the pale of masonic recognition.

In this connection it is worth while to emphasize the fact that in our resolutions of last year, severing our relations with the Grand

Lodge of Washington, they were not based upon the ground that its resolutions primarily related to the status of certain persons of color, but because they were utterly bad and vicious without any reference to the color of the individual proposed to be legislated into its lodges, for had they referred to white men alone they would have been equally objectionable. The Grand Orient of France and the Grand Lodge of Hamburg are composed entirely of whites, but any grand lodge which keeps company with a grand lodge which has "abolished God," or which persists in maintaining Pythagoras Lodge within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New York, cannot keep company with us.

The following report was unanimously adopted :

Your special committee to whom was referred that part of the grand master's address on our relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington, having considered the same, beg leave to report that we most emphatically and earnestly endorse all the acting grand master has so well said upon this subject.

The action of our grand lodge last year, in severing our relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington, was not taken too soon, nor was its action too emphatic.

Personal solicitation of votes for office was declared unmasonic and reprehensible; the committee on location of the home received no formal propositions, and were discharged; five charters were granted to lodges under dispensation; the grand secretary was directed to charge up one day's per diem to each lodge whose representative left before the close of the session without being formally excused by the committee; the usual budget of local decisions was submitted by the law committee; the petition for a lodge in Cuba was denied, there being a grand lodge in that island; lodge property was deemed exempt from taxation under existing statutes; the time and place of holding the annual communication is hereafter to be fixed from year to year; a special pilgrimage was made to the grave of Bro. W. S. Patton, past grand master; the grand officers were requested to conform to the established work in opening and closing; the acting grand master was made an honorary instead of an actual past grand master; and the brethren were fraternally urged to correct the habit of evil speaking during heated political campaigns.

The address of welcome and response are given in full, under the head of supplemental.

A page in the appendix announces the deaths of Bro. J. M. Stone and Bro. J. F. McCormick, past grand masters, since the session.

Bro. A. H. Barkley presented another of his carefully prepared reports on foreign correspondence, with the following allusion to the writer:

W. Bro. Irving Todd submitted a good report on correspondence. This report, like those which have preceded it, is up to the true masonic standard. Such reports are a source of refreshment to the reader, and the only objection we have to offer is that the report is too short. He gives to Mississippi for 1898 a review of three pages, omitting nothing of importance that was done by us.

Under the head of South Carolina he fraternally says:

We prefer to place the flowers where our friends may see and enjoy them whilst living. Somebody else may do the decorating after they are gone. It is what we do to and for the brother, whilst he is alive, that brings good cheer to his soul.

M. W. B. V. White, Meridian, Grand Master; R. W. J. L. Power, Jackson, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. A. H. Barkley, Crawford, committee on foreign correspondence.

MISSOURI, 1900.

The eightieth annual communication was held at St. Louis, Oct. 16th, 17th, and 18th, M. W. C. H. Briggs, Grand Master. Three hundred and thirty-seven lodges represented; five hundred and fifty on the roll. Fifteen past grand masters and our representative present.

Seven dispensations for new lodges; two consolidations; two charters surrendered and two arrested. Membership thirty-three thousand, three hundred, and fifty-five, with seven lodges estimated; gain twelve hundred and two. Receipts \$34,450.62.

The deaths of Bro. Harry Keene and Bro. L. A. Hall, past grand masters, were announced.

The portrait is that of the grand master, with a cut of the Mitchell monument.

The following decision was reported:

Can we confer the masonic degrees on a man whose left hand is off at the wrist? Yes, if he is provided with an artificial hand.

A flowery address upon *The Language of Symbolism* was delivered by Bro. W. F. Packard, grand orator; a committee was appointed to revise the burial service; charters were granted to the seven lodges under dispensation; the use of intoxicating liquors in a masonic hall was declared a desecration and forbidden; a proposed monument to a deceased past grand master was vetoed by the committee on ways and means as a dangerous precedent; an additional appropriation of \$1,500 was made to the historical committee; a donation of \$500 was made to the Galveston sufferers; and the reports of the home show one hundred and nineteen inmates, supported at a cost of \$15,952.13.

The grand secretary submitted his accustomed report on correspondence, a well written paper, from which are taken the following:

The grand secretary presented quite an elaborate report, embracing a variety of matter. He had received returns from all the lodges, though several came to hand after the day of grace had expired. I wonder what would happen if all secretaries of lodges should get their reports ready and in the hands of the grand secretary according to the requirements of the grand lodge. If such a thing should occur in Missouri, I would begin to look for the millenium.

The grand orator was in evidence, as shown by an oration, covering nine pages, on *Character and Duty*.

Bro. Irving Todd, the able and veteran committee, furnished a review covering one hundred and thirty pages, in which he paid due attention to the journal of fifty-six grand lodges, Missouri for 1899 included, which was accorded nearly two pages of his space. The report is in keeping with his former attractive productions, being made up of numerous extracts and abundant comments. Bro. Todd is a pleasing and companionable reviewer, always courteous and just. I like him as such, as well as personally. Am pleased to note that he is continued in charge of the work he has so creditably handled for many years.

Under the head of *Arizona* he says:

Speaking of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington repealing its obnoxious course on the negro question, Grand Master Jones quoted from a letter written by the restless and unhappy Upton,

of Washington. He said, "Grand Master Upton writes me as follows: 'At the last communication the Grand Lodge of Washington made no change in its position, but greatly modified its language, in the hope that no excuse may longer exist for misunderstanding us, or meddling with our affairs.'" I am very glad that M. W. Bro. Jones published this extract from the letter of the aforesaid Washington official. It discloses the true animus of "The Grand Lodge of Washington," which "made no change in its position," provided the aforesaid correctly represented his grand lodge. This I am not prepared to credit. If that grand lodge "made no change in its position," then its declarations were misleading and deceptive. If such modification were made only to escape being misunderstood, and to prevent others from "meddling" with their "affairs," then insincerity, if nothing more grave, may be charged against the author of the statement contained in the above quotation found in the address of Grand Master Jones. Perhaps the Washington party did not expect his statement to see the light. He should have said to Bro. Jones, "Burn this letter." The committee on the address referred this portion to the committee on correspondence, with instructions to report fully on the matter at the next annual communication. It is to be hoped that the Washington party may be "smoked out," and define his meaning as to "the Grand Lodge of Washington" having "made no change in its position."

M. W. Campbell Wells, Platte City, Grand Master; R. W. J. D. Vincil, St. Louis, reelected Grand Secretary.

MONTANA, 1900.

The thirty-eighth annual communication was held at Great Falls, Sept. 19th and 20th, M. W. A. H. Barret, Grand Master. Forty-three lodges represented; forty-seven on the roll. Six past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership three thousand, one hundred, and forty-four; gain one hundred and forty-four. Receipts \$4,771.55.

The death of Bro. Henry Chapple, deputy grand master, was announced.

The portraits are of the grand master, a past grand master, and the deceased deputy grand master.

The following singular incident is taken from the report of the grand secretary:

Another remarkable occurrence during the year was the absence of the grand master from the jurisdiction on account of sickness, the

death of the deputy grand master, and the absence of the senior grand warden from the jurisdiction at one and the same time, which left the junior grand warden as acting grand master for a period of about two weeks, and he three hundred and eighty-six miles distant from the grand secretary. It is the first time in the history of our grand lodge that a junior grand warden has ever been the acting head of the craft.

The Grand Lodge of Costa Rica and the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico were recognized; congratulations were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Colorado; a grant of \$100 was made to the Galveston sufferers; a contribution of \$644.50 for the masonic home fund was acknowledged from the ladies of the Eastern Star; the signet ring was transferred to the grand master elect; the usual trolley ride was taken and greatly appreciated; the jurisprudence committee correctly held that the delinquent dues paid with a view of reinstatement should be retained by the lodge in case the applicant was rejected; \$2,000 was transferred from the general fund and \$6,500 from the charity fund to the masonic home fund; the per capita tax was increased to \$2, fifty cents going to the home fund; a committee was appointed to recommend a site and plan for the home at the next annual communication; and a testimonial was voted to the retiring grand master.

The usual interesting report on correspondence was prepared by the grand secretary. The following paragraphs are found under the head of Minnesota:

Minnesota as usual is the first to greet us with the proceedings of an annual communication held the current year, holding its forty-seventh annual communication Jan. 17th, 18th, and the printed record reached us Mar. 9th. The contents are prefaced with a fine picture of Grand Treasurer J. H. Thompson, bearing a strong resemblance to Daniel Webster.

Bro. Montgomery has prepared a model code of lodge by-laws, and is preparing a record of the officers of each lodge since organization, and is collecting material for a history of the jurisdiction. We hope to see himself the "future historian."

Venus Lodge No. 202 asked for a change of name to Atelier. Vulcan would have been better.

Bro. Irving Todd digests the correspondence to perfection.

In the back of the volume are the proceedings of the Veterans' Association, Bro. G. R. Metcalf, president, and G. W. Merrill, sec-

retary, numerously illustrated and chock full of interest. There are nearly three hundred members. Bro. Kelly's experience as one of the earliest initiates recalls some of our early efforts in Helena, though we had no back talk from the candidates.

M.: W.: Theo. Brantly, Grand Master; R.: W.: Cornelius Hedges reëlected Grand Secretary; both of Helena.

NEBRASKA, 1900.

The forty-third annual communication was held at Omaha, June 6th and 7th, M.: W.: W. W. Keysor, Grand Master. Two hundred and six lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-one on the roll. Twenty-one past grand masters present; our representative in the grand east.

Four dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered and one restored. Membership twelve thousand, three hundred, and sixty-one; gain four hundred and twenty-seven. Receipts \$12,730.34.

The death of Bro. Christian Hartman, grand treasurer, was announced.

A somewhat lengthy oration was delivered by Bro. W. W. Wells, grand orator; charters were granted to the four lodges under dispensation; a resolution suspending all fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington was referred to the committee on jurisprudence, who asked for further time; proficiency in the third degree is hereafter required, with examination in open lodge; and the Gran Dieta of Mexico was recognized.

Bro. C. J. Phelps submitted his second report on foreign correspondence, a valuable contribution to the masonic literature of the current year. He says:

Bro. H. R. Adams, grand orator, delivered an entertaining, instructive, and eloquent oration, his subject being Love. From it we cull a particularly sparkling gem.

A report on correspondence, covering one hundred pages and reviewing the proceedings of fifty-six sister grand lodges, is the work of Bro. Irving Todd, well performed.

Under the head of Idaho he pointedly remarks :

Washington's offense, and it was a grave one, did not consist in any laudable desire to extend the benefits of legitimate freemasonry to colored men, but in recognizing a brood of clandestine negro lodges and their members. To retract fully her error was her duty. She has only partially performed that duty, but the lesson taught is one that will not be forgotten.

M. W. A. W. Crites, Chadron, Grand Master ; R. W. F. E. White, Plattsmouth, reëlected Grand Secretary, and continued as chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEVADA, 1900.

The thirty-sixth annual communication was held at Virginia City, June 12th and 13th, M. W. J. M. McCormack, Grand Master. Seventeen lodges represented ; twenty on the roll. Five past grand masters present ; our representative absent.

Membership eight hundred and fifty-eight ; gain thirty-five. Receipts \$1,297.50.

The action of the grand master in rescinding the edict suspending fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington was approved ; the new code was ordered printed ; the money contributed for a home is to be placed at interest for the present ; and the proposed saloon legislation was referred to the jurisprudence committee, to report next year.

A brief report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. A. D. Bird ; his last, we are sorry to see. Referring to our criticism of their grand master he says :

In Nevada we like to take a man at his word. Prefer not to have him hem and haw about it, but, any way, believe him. If we find he lies we hit pretty hard the next time, even harder than Mississippi. We would not only declare Washington unoccupied territory, but send a masonic colony there to occupy it.

M. W. J. A. Miller, Austin, Grand Master ; V. W. C. N. Noteware, Carson City, reëlected Grand Secretary ; Bro. E. D. Vanderlieth, Carson City, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW BRUNSWICK, 1899.

The thirty-second annual communication was held at St. John, Aug. 22d and 23d, M.: W.: Thomas Walker, Grand Master. Twenty lodges represented; thirty-two on the roll. Three past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership seventeen hundred and seventy-eight; gain twenty-one. Receipts \$1,678.50.

A committee was appointed to confer with Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and discuss the proposed union; the portrait of two deceased past grand masters were unveiled; and an appropriation of \$200 was made for instruction in the ritual to lodges outside of the city of St. John.

M.: W.: J. G. Forbes, Grand Master; V.: W.: J. T. Hartt reelected Grand Secretary; both of St. John.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, 1900.

The one hundred and eleventh annual communication was held at Concord, May 16th, M.: W.: John McLane, Grand Master. Forty-seven lodges represented; seventy-eight on the roll. Nine past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership nine thousand, three hundred, and sixty-nine; gain one hundred and twenty-nine. Receipts \$3,426.41.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. N. C. Hewes, who has stood at the door of Franklin Lodge for forty-six years, and is claimed to be the oldest tyler in the world in continuous service.

Several amendments to the constitution were adopted with reference to lodge trials; the committee on jurisprudence reported that their differences with the Grand Lodge of Washington were not of sufficient importance to warrant the severance of fraternal relations, and they were discharged from further consideration of the subject; the practice of exchanging pulpits with lodges outside of the jurisdiction was declared unlawful; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was again prepared by Bro. A. S. Wait. It is an able and scholarly paper. Minnesota was received after the eleventh hour, but is given two and a half pages, from which the following extracts are taken:

The grand orator, Bro. H. D. Dickinson, on the first day of the communication delivered an oration before the grand body, which is published with the proceedings. We do not doubt that it is able and interesting, but coming to us at the time it does we are unable to do ourselves the pleasure of such an examination as to enable us to speak of its merits from our own present knowledge. His theme was Character and Duty, certainly a fruitful one for the orator and scholar.

Appended to the proceedings of the communication are those of the eighth annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association, held on the evenings of the 16th and 17th days of January, and they are embellished with portraits of several of the distinguished members of the body.

The report on correspondence, as in several preceding years, is presented by Bro. Irving Todd. For the same reasons as relate to the proceedings, we are unable to give it more than a cursory examination. From the known ability of the writer we do not doubt it contains much of interest to the craft and many things which, under other conditions, we would make use of for the enriching of our present work, but are obliged to deny ourselves the pleasure. Our proceedings for 1899 are fraternally noticed with the others embraced in Bro. Todd's review, for which we tender the acknowledgments of the brethren of New Hampshire as well as our own.

M. W. G. I. McAllister, Manchester, Grand Master; R. W. F. D. Woodbury, Concord, Grand Secretary; Bro. A. S. Wait, Newport, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW JERSEY, 1900.

The one hundred and thirteenth annual communication was held at Trenton, Jan. 24th and 25th, M. W. J. W. Ewan, Grand Master. One hundred and fifty-nine lodges represented; one hundred and sixty-eight on the roll. Eight past grand masters and our representative present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership seventeen thousand, three hundred, and eighty-six; gain four hundred and fifteen. Receipts \$17,997.91.

The death of Bro J. H. Durand, past grand master, was announced, and an appropriate tribute paid to the memory of Bro. G. A. Hobart, vice president of the United States and an old member of the fraternity.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The grand master notes his rejection of eleven out of forty-four candidates, for physical disability, and that instead of exercising his prerogative of making a mason at sight he turned the candidate over to a subordinate lodge, which did the job in a single evening and he helped them do it. The result is practically the same.

A number of distinguished visitors from New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware were duly welcomed; the report of the home gives twenty-two inmates, and cost of maintenance \$6,639.22; an appropriate address was delivered by Bro. H. R. Rose; a charter was granted to the lodge under dispensation; a tax of \$3.50 was levied upon each initiate, each affiliate from a foreign jurisdiction, and each reinstated mason from suspension or expulsion, for the benefit of the home; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

The following conclusion was submitted by the committee on masonic jurisprudence and adopted:

This grand lodge does and always has recognized the eligibility of any man to be made a mason who possesses the proper qualifications, without regard to his race or color.

It also recognizes the right of the Grand Lodge of Washington and of its subordinate lodges to receive into their fellowship by affiliation, or to admit as visitors, such persons as they see fit. We can only insist that so long as that grand lodge recognizes the right of its subordinate lodges to hold masonic intercourse with alleged masons who do not owe allegiance to any body recognized by us as masonic, the Grand Lodge of New Jersey must, under our obligations, refuse to recognize it as a masonic body or to hold any communication with it as such. We must therefore recommend that the interdict issued against the Grand Lodge of Washington and those owing allegiance thereto should not be removed.

An interesting paper upon the masonic convention held at Morristown in December, 1779, prepared from memoranda gathered by the late E. D. Halsey, is given as an appendix.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by Bro. Charles Belcher, owing to other engagements of the chairman of the committee. It is a very creditable production. The following paragraphs are found under the head of Minnesota:

The exordium of the address is a pleasing combination of reverence, patriotism, and loyalty to country and fraternity.

The grand secretary presents his report, a very excellent and complete document.

Bro. H. R. Adams, grand orator, delivered a finished oration; his theme, Love; conception beautiful and references touching. Its reproduction would prove pleasant reading.

Bro. Irving Todd, for committee on correspondence, furnishes a review of the proceedings of fifty-six grand lodges. New Jersey, under Bro. Fortmeyer, receives fraternal consideration in two pages, in which due mention is made of usual business routine, our masonic home, and Bro. Edwards' "well written review."

As a supplement we find the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association, to which is attached the pleasing portraiture of its president, Bro. G. R. Metcalf.

Again we may be permitted to state the closing of our grand lodge also closes the master mason's lodge opened preparatory to the opening of the grand lodge.

M. W. J. E. Moore, Jersey City, Grand Master; R. W. T. H. R. Redway, Trenton, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Charles Belcher, Newark, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW MEXICO, 1899.

The twenty-second annual communication was held at Albuquerque, Oct. 3d and 4th, R. W. E. E. Day, Deputy Grand Master. Thirteen lodges represented; twenty on the roll. Seven past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership nine hundred and twenty-two; gain forty-one. Receipts \$983.

The portraits are of the absent grand master and a past grand master.

Recognition of the Grán Dieta of Mexico was deferred a year. The new grand lodge constitution and by-laws were amended and adopted; and the refusal of the grand master to permit an Eastern Star entertainment to be given in a lodge room was indorsed.

The committee on grand master's address reported the following resolutions under the head of Washington Negro Masonry, and they were adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this grand lodge the universality of masonry is an unquestioned landmark, and that neither race, color, occupation, class, nor condition is a proper test to apply to determine the fitness of a candidate for the degrees of masonry.

Resolved, That this grand lodge will decline to consider anything bearing upon the regularity of making of negroes masons until the time arrives when the question can be considered without any danger of disturbing the harmony that prevails in this jurisdiction, and that harmony that should always prevail between the grand lodges of the universe.

Resolved, That this grand lodge will at all times refuse to have any dealings with any masonic body which recognizes individuals or organizations as regularly masonic who (or which) are not recognized masonically by the grand lodge within whose grand jurisdiction they live.

The report on foreign correspondence was made by Bro. Max. Frost, who gives Minnesota a very fair review, principally quotations.

Under the head of Arkansas he correctly says:

While I am in favor of the principle of keeping men who are engaged in the saloon business or of selling liquor as a beverage out of the masonic institution, I do not think such principle should be made a matter of law.

M.: W.: E. E. Day, Las Cruces, Grand Master; R.: W.: A. A. Keen, Albuquerque, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Max. Frost, Santa Fe, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NEW SOUTH WALES, 1899.

In addition to the quarterly communications a number of specials were held for various purposes, but the published proceedings are so fragmentary that it is extremely difficult to give an intelligent summary.

Six petitions for new lodges were recommended to be granted; one consolidation. Membership seven thousand, one hundred, and sixty-four; gain three hundred and seventeen.

The resolution authorizing incorporation of the grand lodge was rescinded; a prominent member was called to account for installing the officers of an irregular lodge, but was forgiven upon explaining that he was not aware of its non-recognition until after the ceremony was over; the revised constitution was adopted and ordered printed; Bro. J. B. Trivitt was appointed to collect material for a history of freemasonry in that jurisdiction, at a cost not to exceed £25; and the practice of attending church services in regalia was disapproved.

The report on foreign correspondence was the joint work of a committee of five, and the first that we have had the pleasure of examining. Minnesota fell to the lot of the chairman, Bro. J. B. Trivitt, the present deputy grand master. The following paragraphs are taken from his fraternal review:

The grand secretary's report is interesting.

An instructive lecture was delivered by Bro. R. C. Hine, grand orator. After briefly tracing the history of the craft, he makes seasonable reference to the teachings and present position of freemasonry.

The report on correspondence is supplied by Bro. Irving Todd, and, although brief, exhibits a considerable degree of learning and ability. The writer quotes copiously from his brother reviewers, and also shows great aptness and force in expressing his individual views. We regret to find, by means of a foot note, that our own proceedings had not been received by him; and can only attribute the omission to the vagaries of the post.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veterans' Association are appended to the volume. They provide some delightful reading and useful historical references. In addition to some very interesting addresses several papers were read, elucidating the early development of

the craft in Minnesota. * * * We cannot speak too highly of the worthy aims of this adjunct to Minnesota freemasonry, nor of the excellent methods by which the members conduct their proceedings. We trust the good example will be copied by other jurisdictions which are rich in venerable brethren, who, having fought their fight, might now unload their invaluable stores of incident and wisdom.

M.: W.: J. C. Remington, Grand Master; V.: W.: A. H. Bray, Grand Secretary; both of Sydney.

1900.

At the September quarterly appropriate jewels were presented to Bro. A. H. Bray, grand secretary, and Bro. F. Atterton, past grand director of ceremonies.

The following beautiful sentiment is taken from the grand master's address at the December quarterly.

Only one word more ere we proceed to the business of the evening. The sun which has just set over our southern continent is now rising over the United States of America, where to-morrow the free-masons of that grand country will join with visiting brethren from all lands in doing honor to the memory of the illustrious George Washington, on the hundredth anniversary of his death. It is much to be regretted that the other grand lodges of Australasia could not see their way to join with ours in sending a special ambassador on such a unique occasion. We have done what we could in entrusting our greetings to our grand representative nearest to the Grand Lodge of Virginia; and I ask you now to rise, and stand to order, as a silent token of our fraternal feeling toward those who, whatever their nation, creed, or tongue, hold fast to the mystic tie, which binds us all in love and unity, and which only death can sever.

At a special communication in February recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, organized Oct. 11th, 1899, of which Gov. Gerard Smith is grand master. It is composed of thirty-three lodges under the English Constitution, one lodge dissenting. The twenty-eight lodges under the Scottish Constitution were prohibited from taking any part in the movement, and organized a district grand lodge, Dec. 28th, 1899, with R.: W.: G. E. Rowe as pro grand master. Another grand lodge has been organized,

Dec. 8th, 1898, by a number of unattached brethren, and there are two lodges under the Irish Constitution. The situation in the colony is very similar to that of New South Wales prior to the union, and it is to be hoped may be resolved into absolute unity at no far distant day.

At the March quarterly the death of Bro. A. W. Manning, honorary past grand master, was announced; the grand library was made free to every member of the craft in good standing; and the grand master was sustained in granting a warrant for a new lodge after its petition had been rejected by the board of general purposes.

At the June quarterly the controversy in the board of general purposes was settled; grand officers were elected for the ensuing year; a framed group of portraits were presented by the artists; and a letter of congratulation was voted to the Grand Master of England upon his fortunate escape from assassination.

Three new lodges were warranted during the year; three warrants surrendered. Membership seven thousand, five hundred, and six; gain three hundred and forty-two.

The grand officers were installed at a special communication, June 23d.

Another joint report on foreign correspondence was presented, Minnesota again reviewed by the chairman, who writes:

A very gratifying and extensive record of the year's transactions was presented by the grand master. * * * Altogether the address has a true ring, and gives proof of close application to duty by the distinguished brother during his term.

We commend the return form to our readers for its practical possibilities, and congratulate Grand Secretary Montgomery on his industry and devotion to the concerns of his responsible office.

The grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, delivered an oration on Love, and the brethren were so pleased with the brother's eloquence that a copy of the oration was by direction embodied in the proceedings. We have read the oration; it is a worthy and inspiring effort, and should not be allowed by our brethren here to remain as so much cold print.

The report on foreign correspondence is presented by Bro. Irving Todd. He compresses his notices of fifty-six grand lodges into one

hundred pages, with a resultant very serviceable report. New South Wales receives very fair attention in a notice of our proceedings for 1898, but we note our brother is very chary in offering opinions. He notes that our library committee acknowledged receipt of his proceedings, whilst we omitted to notice same in our correspondence report. Without making any unkind references, we merely state that we are *not* the library committee. Perhaps when Bro. Todd reads our report for 1899 and this present writing, he will feel better satisfied with our attention to his highly respected grand lodge.

We again approach the consideration of the doings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota. We have previously written, as we have felt our high appreciation of this interesting body, and we have the pleasure of again stating that we are deeply impressed with the spectacle of our aged brethren "walking the flowery paths of calm content" in their age, shedding beams of gladness in their inspiring meetings. The association has a membership of two hundred and eighty-three, and this year valuable and entertaining papers were read on Cuban Masonry, Early Days of the Craft in Mankato, and Masonic Gleanings. What a pity we have not had a similar association in past years in this jurisdiction. How comparatively easy a task the historian would have with such valuable contributions and reminiscent sketches.

M.: W.: J. C. Remington, reëlected Grand Master; V.: W.: A. H. Bray, Grand Secretary; both of Sydney.

NEW YORK, 1900.

The one hundred and nineteenth annual communication was held at New York, May 1st, 2d, and 3d, M.: W.: W. D. Pownall, Grand Master. Seven hundred and thirty-one lodges represented; seven hundred and forty-eight on the roll. Twelve past grand masters and our representative present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership one hundred and one thousand, five hundred, and forty-eight; gain three thousand, three hundred, and sixty-eight. Receipts \$78,069.52.

The deaths of Bro. G. H. Raymond, grand lecturer emeritus, Bro. Charles Sackreuter, of the committee on foreign correspondence, and Bro. Oscar Coles, past grand master, were announced.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. R. R. Livingston, past grand master.

A telegram of greeting was forwarded to Bro. A. A. Treat, their oldest permanent member; several distinguished brethren from New Jersey and Pennsylvania were received as visitors; a decision of the supreme court in the case of an expelled member applying for restoration was reported in full, Judge Stover declining to interfere with the sentence as confirmed by the grand lodge; an epitome of the Washington memorial services held in the forty-one masonic districts is given in the proceedings as a permanent record of a memorable occasion in the annals of the craft; the reports of the home show that two hundred and forty-seven inmates have been supported at an expense of \$58,713.41; the librarian reported an increase of two hundred and twenty-two bound volumes, nothing being accepted of non-masonic character; the German Masonic Temple Association reported eight inmates at their home, at a cost of \$6,659.91; an interesting and valuable account of the existing lodges at the time of the revolution and a roster of the brethren engaged in that patriotic struggle was given by the historian; the special committee on Spanish war reported the names of about five hundred members of New York lodges participating therein; the J. L. Lewis monument was reported erected at a cost of \$1,175; an appropriation of \$2,000 was made for the relief of the sufferers by the Hull-Ottawa fire; charters were granted to the two lodges under dispensation; and a portrait of the grand master was presented by his lodge.

The following extract is taken from the grand master's address:

The action of the Grand Lodge of Washington was awaited with deep and fraternal interest; but our hopes were not to be realized, for, at its session in June last, it adopted a series of resolutions which seemingly rescinded the resolutions of 1898, but which did, nevertheless, in apparently unmistakable terms, reassert the vital principles of those resolutions, with widened and extended application. On page three hundred and seventy-seven of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Washington for the year 1899 are found these words:

Nor can this grand lodge consent to tolerate the idea that her lodges do not possess the plenary right to determine for themselves—but for no one else—sub-

ject to review by nobody but herself, the status of all persons claiming to be masons who knock at their doors, either for the purpose of visiting or as applicants for affiliation.

In affirming the foregoing principle the Grand Lodge of Washington declares that her lodges may not only receive as a visitor, but may also accept as a member by affiliation, any person who claims to have been made a mason in the state of New York, no matter how often the initiation of that person may have been adjudged clandestine by the Grand Lodge of New York. The Washington declaration, if assented to, would also lead to great confusion in the craft of this jurisdiction by the return to the state of New York of men who, leaving this state clandestine masons, might return after affiliation in Washington, and seek admission to our lodges as visitors, "without producing proper vouchers of having been initiated into a regular lodge." The Grand Lodge of New York has always maintained the doctrine, formally declared one hundred and three years ago, "that no lodge can exist in this state but under the jurisdiction of this grand lodge." The Grand Lodge of New York has always held that a person, whether white or black, claiming to have been initiated in any so-called lodge existing within the state of New York, not under the jurisdiction of this grand lodge, is a clandestine mason, with whom intercourse is absolutely forbidden. The grand lodge, holding this doctrine, cannot consent that persons who are not freemasons so long as they remain within the territory of New York can be transmitted into freemasons by merely removing to the state of Washington, nor can the Grand Lodge of New York consent that the Grand Lodge of Washington shall confer upon such persons sufficient appearance of masonic status to enable them in returning to New York to cause confusion in the craft of this jurisdiction.

The grand master declined an exchange of representatives with the Grand Master of Washington, and an edict severing fraternal relations is among the probabilities.

Bro. J. B. Anthony presented his accustomed able report on foreign correspondence, Bro. Emil Frenkel doing the foreign grand bodies.

The following paragraphs pertain to Minnesota:

The grand orator, W. H. D. Dickinson, delivered a most excellent oration upon Character and Duty—well worth careful reading.

The usual customary appropriation for the benefit of the widow of a justly esteemed past grand master of this jurisdiction was made.

In view of the long and faithful service of R. W. J. H. Thompson, grand treasurer—installed for the twenty-third time at this com-

munication—the grand lodge honored itself in the publication of his portrait in the printed proceedings.

The report on correspondence is a critical and well digested review of the proceedings of fifty-five grand lodges, by W. Irving Todd, including an excellent notice of New York for 1899.

As an addendum we have the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota at its eighth annual reunion, held at St. Paul, Jan. 16th. This is a state organization with a membership of three hundred and seven. The illustrations and the several papers presented are valuable contributions to the masonic history of this jurisdiction.

Under the head of Washington he says:

In common with the great majority of the craft, and we think we may say of many of the brethren of the Grand Lodge of Washington, it is to be regretted that the peculiar and radical views of a few should have been allowed to advance a declaration of principles which, if carried out, will endanger the peace and harmony of the fraternity throughout the country.

M. W. C. W. Mead, Albany, Grand Master; R. W. E. M. L. Ehlers, New York, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. B. Anthony, Utica, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH CAROLINA, 1900.

The one hundred and thirteenth annual communication was held at Raleigh, Jan. 9th, 10th, and 11th, M. W. R. J. Noble, Grand Master. One hundred and eighty-one lodges represented; three hundred and eleven on the roll. Six past grand masters and our representative present.

Three dispensations for new lodges; two charters restored and one surrendered; one consolidation. Membership eleven thousand, three hundred, and sixty; gain four hundred and six. Receipts \$6,350.70.

The death of Bro. R. B. Vance, past grand master, was announced.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. R. B. Vance.

An eloquent address was delivered by Bro. E. W. Pou, grand orator; the reports of the orphan asylum show two hundred and eleven inmates, expense \$23,999.52; charters were granted to three lodges under dispensation; a collection of \$58.95 was taken for the orphan asylum; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The report on foreign correspondence was again prepared by Bro. J. A. Collins, and is fully up to his previous efforts in this direction. The following pleasant words are found in his review of Minnesota:

The report of the grand secretary, Bro. Thomas Montgomery, gives evidence of thoughtful and diligent labor in his office. Like many others who hold similar positions in the grand lodges, Bro. Montgomery does very much of the thinking and prepares the way for some of the most useful work done in the grand lodge. All honor to this skillful corps of workers.

The grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, departed from the beaten path to find a suitable theme, and delighted the boys and perhaps some of the graybeards with an eloquent disquisition on Love.

The report on correspondence, a review of the transactions of fifty-six grand jurisdictions, is written by Bro. Irving Todd, who compresses within a hundred pages every important act of each grand lodge and still has ample space for friendly criticism. * * * North Carolina for 1898 received very kindly notice and a summary of its proceedings.

M. W. B. S. Royster, Oxford, Grand Master; R. W. J. C. Drewry, Raleigh, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. A. Collins, Enfield, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

NORTH DAKOTA, 1900.

The eleventh annual communication was held at Fargo, June 19th and 20th, M. W. J. A. Percival, Grand Master. Thirty-nine lodges represented; fifty-five on the roll. Five past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Seven dispensations for new lodges. Membership three thousand, four hundred, and ninety-two; gain three hundred and twenty-three. Receipts \$5,493.27.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The grand secretary gives the following interesting reminiscence of the late Bro. T. J. Wilder, which is eminently characteristic of our old friend:

Among the present new lodges is the one at Carrington. Most of you are aware that Carrington had a lodge years ago, but that it became defunct. Many of the old brothers have joined the new, and from out of the dust of the past has arisen, what I believe to be, a flourishing lodge. The old Carrington lodge should never have become defunct, for it had the jurisdiction from which to draw good material, but unfortunately when its master, Bro. A. C. Halsey, moved from the jurisdiction the life seemed to go out of the lodge. This is the lodge which refused to permit its members to chew tobacco in the lodge room, and if they did they were compelled to swallow the juice. I do not chew tobacco, neither do I commend the habit, but I have found the forcing of theories upon existing conditions is apt to make a failure of each. My lamented predecessor, T. J. Wilder, was sent to Carrington to close up the affairs of the lodge, and I have often heard him tell of his experience. Bro. Wilder was, unfortunately, addicted to chewing tobacco, but had not become accustomed to swallowing the liquor, and when he looked around for a cuspidor to relieve himself found there was no receptacle, and was informed that there was none to be found in the lodge. Bro. Wilder had lived a good many years on the frontier, and did not appreciate the curtailment of the privilege of every American citizen to chew tobacco if he wanted to, and, after considerable oratory, he started out and found a coal scuttle which he carried into the lodge room despite the protests that were interposed. I mention this little instance, not for its poetical fancy, but simply to illustrate that to keep a lodge alive the brethren must meet conditions and not try to build on theories.

Two lodges were fined \$5 for not making their reports in time; an additional appropriation of \$600 was made for fitting up the new office in the temple; an interesting report was made by the masters of their military lodge at Manila; charters were granted to the seven lodges under dispensation, and their representatives were voted compensation; and the action of two years ago requiring a copy of Pike's Morals and Dogmas to be presented to every master mason at their raising was repealed.

M.: W.: E. H. James, St. Thomas, Grand Master; R.: W.: F. J. Thompson, Fargo, reelected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1900.

The thirty-fifth annual communication was held at Halifax, June 13th and 14th, M. W. T. B. Flint, Grand Master. Forty-two lodges represented; sixty-two on the roll. One past grand master present; our representative absent.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership three thousand, five hundred, and twelve; gain one hundred and six. Receipts, \$3,391.75.

Attendance was had upon divine service, the sermon being delivered by Bro. R. H. Bullock, past grand chaplain; a charter was granted to the lodge under dispensation; the committee on grand lodge consolidation reported that nothing had been done in the matter; the revised constitution was adopted and ordered published; and a resolution of congratulation was tendered to Lord Roberts for the success of his efforts in South Africa.

A page of concluding remarks announces the resignation of the grand secretary, owing to his absence at Ottawa during the sessions of parliament.

The report on foreign correspondence was prepared by the grand master while attending to his parliamentary duties, with some assistance from Bro. Thomas Mowbray. Of Minnesota Bro. Flint says:

M. W. A. T. Stebbins then delivered the annual address, an address of considerable interest, though not very lengthy.

An oration by Bro. H. D. Dickinson, grand orator, is published with the proceedings. It is entitled *Character and Duty*, and presents in a most pleasing and interesting manner a sketch of the growth and development of character, masonic and otherwise. * * * The whole oration appeals to the highest ideals of duty, and illustrates with great force and eloquence each position assumed by the speaker.

A review of the proceedings of the various grand lodges is presented by Bro. Irving Todd. Fifty-six grand lodges are considered, including Nova Scotia. The reporter deals very fully with the controversy with the Grand Lodge of Washington.

As an appendix to this volume is published the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota, a very interesting record of men and events connected with the early history of masonry in this jurisdiction. The appendix is embellished with portraits of men and

illustrations of scenes connected with the formation of the grand lodge and the establishment of masonry in that jurisdiction.

M.: W.: T. A. Cossman, Grand Master; R.: W.: William Ross reelected Grand Secretary; both of Halifax; Bro. T. B. Flint, Yarmouth, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OHIO, 1900.

The ninety-first annual communication was held at Springfield, Oct. 24th and 25th, M.: W.: E. L. Lybarger, Grand Master. Four hundred and eighty-three lodges represented; five hundred and one on the roll. Eleven past grand masters and our representative present.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership forty-six thousand, three hundred, and forty-eight; gain two thousand, one hundred, and forty-seven. Receipts, \$35,940.98.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The reports of the home show one hundred and thirty-seven inmates and expense of maintenance \$20,944.34; charters were granted to the two lodges under dispensation; an appropriation of \$2,000 was made to the general fund of the home and \$5,000 to its endowment fund; and a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham devotes six pages of his valuable report on foreign correspondence to Minnesota, from which we reproduce the following:

The annual address of Grand Master Stebbins is a brief and well written masonic paper of fourteen pages.

R.: W.: Bro. Thomas Montgomery submitted, as usual with him, a very complete report as grand secretary and grand librarian.

A fine portrait of Bro. J. H. Thompson, who has faithfully served as grand treasurer since 1878, is a frontispiece to the proceedings under review.

At the afternoon session of the first day the grand orator, Bro. H. D. Dickinson, delivered an eloquent address on Character and Duty.

R.: W.: Bro. Irving Todd, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence, submitted, as heretofore, a very able review of the transaction of fifty-five grand lodges, covering one hundred and thirty pages of the printed proceedings.

Bro. Cunningham holds that all business should be transacted in a lodge of entered apprentices, as it used to be fifty years ago; that the new feature of conferring honorary titles is an absurd fad; that the knocks in opening and closing should be east, west, and south; that the grand representative system is an important factor in the cultivation of mutual courtesies among sovereign grand bodies; and that there is no haste necessary in extending recognition to several foreign grand bodies.

M.: W.: F. S. Harmon, Akron, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. H. Bromwell, Cincinnati, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. W. M. Cunningham, Newark, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

OKLAHOMA, 1900.

The eighth annual communication was held at Oklahoma City, Feb. 13th and 14th, M.: W.: W. L. Eagleton, Grand Master. Thirty-eight lodges represented; forty-three on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

Six dispensations for new lodges. Membership two thousand, one hundred, and thirty; gain two hundred and thirty-five. Receipts \$1,931.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

The following was among the approved decisions:

4. Is a hunchback, who is able to give all the signs, physically disqualified to take the degrees of masonry? No.

A start was made towards a masonic home by voting a per capita tax of twenty-five cents, to be invested by a board of trustees; the grand master's decision against a supreme grand lodge was sustained; the Eastern Star was fully endorsed as a most powerful adjunct to masonry, and the order recommended to all masons; the recommendation to adopt the grand representative system was voted down; concurrent jurisdiction was given to lodges in Indian Territory, Kansas, and Texas, provided that they reciprocate; five charters were granted to lodges under dispensation; a report on foreign

correspondence was ordered for next year; the grand secretary was authorized to print the roll of membership in the proceedings; ten per cent of the grand lodge funds were ordered set aside annually for the home fund; and the grand orator was requested to forward his address for publication.

There was no report on foreign correspondence.

M.: W.: W. M. Anderson, Enid, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. S. Hunt, Stillwater, reelected Grand Secretary.

OREGON, 1900.

The fiftieth annual communication was held at Portland, June 13th, 14th, and 15th, M.: W.: J. M. Hodson, Grand Master. Eighty-seven lodges represented; ninety-eight on the roll. Eleven past grand masters and our representative present.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested. Membership five thousand, three hundred, and forty-four; gain three hundred and thirty-nine. Receipts \$6,320.30.

The deaths of Bro. Robert Clow and Bro. T. G. Reames, past grand masters, were announced. Bro. Clow had been chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence five years, and was well known to the fraternity through his able and learned reports.

• The portrait is that of the grand master.

Among the approved decisions is the following:

I. A mason under sentence of indefinite suspension for keeping a saloon or tending bar is not eligible for reinstatement so long as he continues in the business.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Washington by telegraph; a brief address was delivered by Bro. C. B. Winn, grand orator; charters were granted to the two lodges under dispensation; the salary of the grand secretary was increased from \$800 to \$1,000; the revised constitution and by-laws were adopted and printed in the proceedings; and the grand lodge library was placed in the hands of a committee for the convenience of the craft.

The vacancy in the committee on foreign correspondence was acceptably filled by the grand master, to whom we are indebted for a very readable and interesting report. The following paragraphs pertain to Minnesota:

Bro. Gideon S. Ives, like Gideon of old, was prepared with his sling to defend the rights of Oregon.

A. T. Stebbins, M. W. Grand Master, then delivered a well prepared address filling thirteen pages.

Bro. Irving Todd again wields the reportorial pen to the extent of one hundred and thirty well filled pages. Oregon for 1899 has fraternal consideration. * * * Bro. Clow's report is complimented, and a very complete synopsis of our proceedings given. * * * He has no conclusion, simply quits, after the review of Wyoming, which is, perhaps, a pretty good way, after all.

The proceedings are ornamented by a fine photo engraving of Bro. J. H. Thompson, grand treasurer, and a picture of the old Central House in St. Paul, where the first masonic lodge in Minnesota was organized, Dec. 27th, 1851.

It is evident that our good Brother has his scriptural quotations a little mixed. Gideon's trumpet overcame the host of Midian, and our grand lodge rolls are short of Davids.

Bro. Hodson is of the opinion that Oregon has fewer non-affiliates in proportion to numbers than almost any other state; that a lodge which will elect a poor warden deserves a poor master as punishment; that no patience or sympathy is due the masonry of one who will not work in the quarries and yet wears feathers or flaunts 32° on his watch charm; that there is no possible objection to the laying of the corner stone of any public building; that there is not a single masonic law, of any kind or character, as clearly enunciated as the one of physical perfection; and that the grand master's prerogative of making a mason at sight is older than any masonic history or tradition.

Of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington he candidly says:

The only trouble about the whole matter was that they were not frank enough to acknowledge their fault in a truly manly manner and get entirely clear of the whole business. They know they are wrong, and are ashamed of it; but they do not like to admit the whole truth.

M.: W.: H. B. Thielsen, Salem, Grand Master; R.: W.: J. F. Robinson, Eugene, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. M. Hodson, Portland, committee on foreign correspondence.

PENNSYLVANIA, 1899.

At the March quarterly the death of Bro. H. W. Williams, grand master, was announced, with appropriate tributes to his memory.

At the June quarterly the death of Bro. Joseph Eichbaum, past grand master, was announced.

At the December quarterly grand officers were elected; an oil painting of the late Bro. Joseph Eichbaum was presented by local brethren; the grand charity fund was reported at \$76,000, the Girard bequest at \$63,950, the Patton fund at \$54,426.25, and the Taylor bequest at \$11,050.10; the temple debt was reduced \$60,050, leaving \$198,100 outstanding; the grand lodge library was reported in a greatly improved condition under the new librarian, with the fifth volume of the reprint nearly ready for distribution; and an ivory column used by the senior warden of a Dublin lodge from 1742 to 1804 was presented for their museum.

The annual communication was held at Philadelphia, Dec. 27th, R.: W.: G. E. Wagner, Deputy Grand Master. Seventy-two lodges represented; four hundred and thirty-three on the roll. Three past grand masters present.

One dispensation for a new lodge. Membership fifty-three thousand, four hundred, and forty-six; gain thirteen hundred and eighty-six. Receipts \$113,106.40.

The portraits are of the late grand master and a past grand master.

The acting grand master explained his refusal to attend the Washington memorial by a reiteration of the same old statement that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania never appears in public. Yet its grand officers have laid corner stones and held funeral services in due form from time immemorial without the general public ever suspecting that it was not the grand lodge turned out for that purpose. The peace and dignity of the

staid old commonwealth would not have been seriously impaired by his presence upon that important occasion, at which the jurisdiction was rendered somewhat conspicuous by an absence of representation.

His reasons for not recalling the edict severing fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington are summed up as follows :

Pennsylvania cannot agree that Washington shall have the exclusive right to decide such questions, but claims to have and exercise, as fully as heretofore, the right of self protection. She cannot consent that her declaration of the clandestine and illegitimate character of the African Grand Lodge and the Hiram Grand Lodge shall be subject to review by the Grand Lodge of Washington or any of its subordinates, which would be the case if we agreed to the view contained in the report of the seven past grand masters and adopted by the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The acting grand master declined to exercise his prerogative of making a mason at sight upon several occasions, for the very good reason that he did not consider it necessary. He does not believe in the idea of making freemasonry easy.

The Grand Master of New Jersey was received with the customary honors.

The report on correspondence was prepared by Bros. J. M. Lamberton and B. W. James, Minnesota being reviewed by the former, who says, among other things :

We question if we could pay the excellent address of the grand master a higher compliment than by saying it is business-like.

The grand secretary, R. W. Bro. Thomas Montgomery, presented his tenth annual report. He got up a blank to be filled out for each lodge that must make the census bureau green with envy.

The grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, delivered a beautiful and very poetic oration, which is given in full in the appendix.

Bro. Irving Todd prepared the report on foreign correspondence, which is a condensed abstract of the proceedings of fifty-six jurisdictions, two being for two years, which is done in just one hundred pages. The report is mostly written, the scissors being used chiefly to cull the nice things said about Minnesota. As he goes along our brother gives his views occasionally, but not often, at length.

R. W. G. E. Wagner, Grand Master; R. W. W. A. Sinn reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. Michael Arnold, chairman of the committee on correspondence; all of Philadelphia.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, 1900.

The twenty-fifth annual communication was held at Charlottetown, June 25th, M.: W.: J. A. Messervy, Grand Master. Twelve lodges represented; thirteen on the roll. Six past grand masters present, our representative absent.

Membership five hundred and thirty-five; gain nine. Receipts \$286.50.

The committee appointed to confer with Nova Scotia and New Brunswick upon proposed union reported that nothing had been done in the matter.

M.: W.: Ronald McMillan, Charlottetown, Grand Master; R.: W.: Neil MacKelvie, Summerside, reelected Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC, 1900.

The thirtieth annual communication was held at Montreal, Jan. 31st, M.: W.: Benjamin Tooke, Grand Master. Fifty-five lodges represented; fifty-seven on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

One charter surrendered. Membership three thousand, six hundred, and sixty-eight; gain twenty-five. Receipts \$2,399.25.

The death of Bro. J. H. Graham, their first grand master, was announced.

The portraits are of three past grand masters.

A discourse was delivered by Bro. Frank Charters, grand chaplain; a grant of \$300 was made to the Canadian Patriotic Fund; and the books and papers of their deceased grand master, presented to the grand lodge, were ordered preserved as the Graham collection.

The familiar autograph of Bro. E. T. D. Chambers is again appended to the report on foreign correspondence, after two years of pleasant experience in the grand east. Our acknowledgments are due and hereby tendered for the following complimentary words:

A very useful report on correspondence was presented for the committee by Bro. Irving Todd. It consists of a careful abstract of the proceedings of sister grand bodies, spiced with occasional comment. Quebec is very pleasantly noticed by him, and our good Bro. Whyte has good cause to be flattered at the careful reading of his report by Bro. Todd, as evidenced by his thorough mastery of its contents and very complete summing up of his views upon a great variety of masonic topics, and in admirably compact form.

Under the head of Maine the following surprising statement is found:

But on the other hand we have many excellent Roman Catholic masons in our lodges, and one lodge in Montreal—the Cœurs-Unis—composed entirely of French Canadians, some of whose deceased members are buried in the Protestant cemetery in a lot upon which the lodge has erected and solemnly dedicated—by virtue of a dispensation issued by the present writer when grand master—a suitable memorial stone. It may be interesting in this connection to recall the fact that when the foundation stone of the well known twin-faced monument to Wolfe and Montcalm, near Dufferin Terrace, Quebec, was laid with masonic honors on the 20th of November, 1827, and in the presence of the Earl of Dalhousie, the then governor general of Canada, it was a French Canadian and Roman Catholic provincial grand master, R.'. W.'. Bro. Claude Denechaud, who performed the ceremony.

With us very few Roman Catholics are to be found in the lodges. The membership is understood to be prohibited by the church, and certainly is not encouraged by the fraternity for reasons which are so well understood that it is not necessary to enlarge upon the subject.

Bro. Chambers holds that a grand master should never accept an honorary rank in another grand lodge inferior to that held in his own; that loaning a candidate money to pay his fees is doing an injury to the craft; that the old style of review is more interesting than the topical plan, and therefore more likely to be read; and that Bro. Upton has no reason at all to feel hurt at the righteous indignation with which the action of his grand lodge has been referred to.

M.'. W.'. Benjamin Tooke, Grand Master, and R.'. W.'. J. H. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, were reelected; both of Montreal; Bro. E. T. D. Chambers, Quebec, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

RHODE ISLAND, 1899.

At the semi-annual communication a lengthy report was submitted by the committee on foreign correspondence disapproving of the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington, and resolutions were adopted requesting a reconsideration of its action.

The one hundred and ninth annual communication was held at Providence, May 15th, M. W. C. M. Van Slyck, Grand Master. Twenty-nine lodges represented; thirty-seven on the roll. Five past grand masters present.

Membership five thousand, one hundred, and sixty-two; gain one hundred and forty-four. Receipts \$2,706.66.

The library committee reported further donations of books and pamphlets; the use of robes and stereopticons in conferring degrees was prohibited; another appropriation of \$200 was made for the second volume of the reprint; a portrait of Bro. Lyman Klapp, past grand master, was presented by his daughter; a jewel and apron was voted to the retiring grand master; and the commission of Bro. Robert Jenkins as deputy grand master, dated Jan. 20th, 1760, was received and placed in the archives.

M. W. Milton Livsey, Grand Master; R. W. Edwin Baker reelected Grand Secretary; both of Providence.

SOUTH CAROLINA, 1899.

The one hundred and twenty-third annual communication was held at Charleston, Dec. 12th and 13th, M. W. B. J. Witherspoon, Grand Master. One hundred and sixty-seven lodges represented; one hundred and eighty-three on the roll. Four past grand masters and our representative present.

Two dispensations for new lodges; two charters surrendered, two revoked, and one restored. Membership six thousand and fifty-six; gain two hundred and sixteen. Receipts \$7,243.45.

A portrait of Bro. W. T. Branch, past grand master, was presented by his lodge; \$302.55 was reported collected for the

invalid daughter of a deceased district deputy grand master; the temple debt was reported reduced to \$5,600; a charter was granted to one of the lodges under dispensation; an interesting address was delivered by Bro. H. A. de Saussure, representative of the Grand Lodge of Cuba; a proposed amendment to the constitution modifying the physical qualifications of candidates failed to receive a two-thirds vote; a testimonial was voted to the retiring grand master; and a new edition of their Ahiman Rezon was ordered printed.

The following extract from the report of the committee on foreign correspondence is a well merited tribute to a faithful and efficient officer:

In conclusion we cannot refrain from a word in regard to the labors of Bro. Inglesby, who this year rounds out a quarter of a century as the grand secretary of this body. Elected to this position in 1874, he celebrates the silver anniversary of his connection with the most important office in this year of grace 1899. His courteous manner and kindly address have endeared him to every mason in this jurisdiction, and the careful preparation and the cultivated style which mark his reviews of the foreign correspondence of this grand body have reflected much credit on the masons of this state. We are proud in the possession of so gifted an official, and we hope that time may deal so gently with our brother that his rare gifts may long be spared to enrich and adorn the masonry of this jurisdiction.

The grand secretary devotes three pages of his valuable report to a review of Minnesota, from which we take the following:

The report of the grand secretary is a good paper. He says that with the approval of the grand master he sent to the thirty-four district deputy grand masters a form of report for their use. He includes one of these forms, and it consists of questions to be answered. There are forty-eight questions, and if they were fully answered and filed in the archives of grand lodge they would present a very faithful picture of the condition of masonry in that jurisdiction.

A very fine oration on Love was delivered by Bro. H. R. Adams, grand orator.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Irving Todd. It is *multum in parvo*. He gives South Carolina one page of very large type.

As usual the proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association is printed with the proceedings of the grand lodge. Its frontispiece is

a good picture of Bro. G. R. Metcalf, its president. This is its seventh annual reunion, and it is exceedingly interesting reading.

M. W. Orlando Sheppard, Edgefield, Grand Master;
R. W. Charles Inglesby, Charleston, reëlected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA, 1900.

The twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Aberdeen, June 12th and 13th, M. W. W. H. Roddle, Grand Master. Seventy-seven lodges represented; ninety-five on the roll. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Two dispensations for new lodges. Membership four thousand, six hundred, and sixty-eight; gain two hundred and thirty-one. Receipts \$4,377.89.

The portrait is that of the grand master.

Fraternal greetings were forwarded to Wisconsin and North Dakota; charters were granted to two lodges under dispensation; fraternal greetings were extended to the grand chapter of the Eastern Star, then in session in an adjoining room; and The Signet was recognized as the official paper of the craft.

The following pleasing episode was noted in the journal:

Bro. W. C. Allen (P. G. M.) being recognized said:

M. W. Grand Master, it is well known to all the older members of this grand body that for several years this grand lodge knocked vainly at the doors of a sister jurisdiction for recognition as an independent grand jurisdiction. At length one whom we all love and revere threw wide the doors, and we were accorded that fraternal recognition so long desired. I refer to Bro. Henry R. Wells, past grand master of Minnesota, and at the present time our grand representative. There is with us to-day Bro. Harry M. Wells, of Preston, Minn., son of our eminent brother, and, because of his own merit and the love we bear his father, I would suggest that he be conducted to the east and introduced to the brethren.

At the request of the M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Allen escorted Bro. Wells to the east, where he was cordially greeted. Bro. Wells thanked the grand lodge in a few appropriate remarks on behalf of his father and himself for the courtesies extended.

The mantle of Bro. Blatt has fallen upon Bro. S. A. Brown, who prepared a very creditable first report. Of Minnesota he writes:

One lodge conferred one hundred and three degrees. This, the largest lodge in the United States, was obliged to strike from the rolls forty-six members. We think that if such large lodges would divide up into half a dozen or more it would help masonry. There is nothing for the members to do except to look on. Masons who have no official responsibility are apt in time to lose interest in the working of the lodge.

Bro. Montgomery does not intend to rust out. He had the pleasure of installing his second son as worshipful master of his home lodge at Hamline. We congratulate you both, brethren.

Bro. H. D. Dickinson gives us a grand oration on Character and Duty.

Bro. Irving Todd, the great condenser, again furnished the report on correspondence. He truly says that it is much more labor to make such a report by lodges than it would be to make up a topical report. We emphasize the kind of report Bro. Todd makes. It must take a great deal of boiling and skimming to get so much into so small a space and make it readable as he does.

Bro. Brown approves of conferring honorary past rank for long and faithful service; says that the plan of casting the vote of the lodge for a candidate is a reprehensible practice which should be abolished, in which we agree; that he can see no wrong in a mason acting as secretary for two or three lodges meeting in the same hall, which would be a decided innovation; that no lodge should retain fees for degrees that were never conferred, which depends upon circumstances; that a minister who receives his degrees free of cost seldom makes a satisfactory mason; and that membership in the so-called higher bodies should depend upon one's standing in the blue lodge.

M. W. J. A. Cleaver, Huron, Grand Master; R. W. G. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. S. A. Brown, Sioux Falls, committee on correspondence.

TENNESSEE, 1900.

The eighty-sixth annual communication was held at Nashville, Jan. 31st and Feb. 1st, M. W. J. H. Bullock, Grand Master. Three hundred and eighty-three lodges represented:

four hundred and twenty-eight on the roll. Sixteen past grand masters present.

Five dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership seventeen thousand, two hundred, and twenty-one; loss twenty-seven. Receipts \$21,530.51.

The portraits are of the grand master and the grand master elect.

For some reason Minnesota does not appear in the list of grand representatives recently appointed; the reports of the home show one hundred and eight inmates, at a cost of \$7,858.90; fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Ohio; fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Washington; one charter was granted and one dispensation continued; each of the future elective officers were requested to furnish biographies for publication; and the degree of past master was conferred upon sixty-eight brethren.

Bro. G. H. Morgan concludes his fourth report on correspondence at an infirmary, with fair prospects for a restoration to health, we are pleased to note. In the somewhat brief review of Minnesota are found the following paragraphs:

A. T. Stebbins, as his face photographed on the first page indicates, is doubtless a great and good man, for the brethren reelected him grand master. His address is marked with that clearness and force which we delight to read.

The grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, delivered a grand oration, his theme being Love. By reading the concluding paragraph my readers can faintly conceive what they miss by not having it all.

Bro. Irving Todd again writes the report on correspondence, and gives fraternal notice of Tennessee, the administration of Grand Master Bro. A. N. Sloan being reviewed. Alluding to the affliction with which this humble scribe suffered when writing the report of 1896—rheumatism—Bro. Todd expresses profound sympathy, for he says he is similarly situated, and has been for ten or twelve years. We have, too, but thank the good Lord are some better now, and hope you are also.

The proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association, published in the appendix, are graced by the picture of the president, G. R. Metcalf. The association has a total membership of three hundred and four.

M. W. J. H. McClister, Morristown, Grand Master; R. W. J. B. Garrett, Nashville, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. H. H. Ingersoll, Knoxville, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

TEXAS, 1899.

The sixty-fourth annual communication was held at Houston, Dec. 5th, 6th, and 7th, M. W. S. R. Hamilton, Grand Master. Three hundred and ninety-one lodges represented; six hundred and twenty-nine on the roll. Sixteen past grand masters present.

Four dispensations for new lodges; four lodges demised. Membership twenty-eight thousand, one hundred, and forty-one; gain four hundred and twenty-three. Receipts \$18,625.25.

The death of Bro. A. S. Richardson, past grand master, was announced.

The portraits are of two past grand masters, with cuts of the temple at Houston and the home at Ft. Worth.

Forty-three decisions were reported, none of them being of general interest; fraternal relations were resumed with the Grand Lodge of Cuba; the cost of the masonic home was given at \$46,641.82, and the number of inmates at thirty; a resolution modifying the physical qualifications of candidates was laid upon the table; the jurisprudence committee held that officers of lodges could not dimit until their successors were elected and qualified; the Grand Master of Vera Cruz, México, was welcomed as a visitor; three charters were granted to lodges under dispensation and five direct, with one dispensation continued; Bro. J. C. Wooters was created a life member of the grand lodge for valuable services faithfully rendered; Bro. F. B. Sexton, their oldest past grand master, delivered an interesting address; a substitute for the McLeary ring was duly transferred, the original having been lost; and a jewel was presented to the retiring grand master.

The report of the special committee on resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Washington was adopted, concluding as follows:

At its meeting in June, 1899, the Grand Lodge of Washington adopted a certain report and resolutions, which are now the subject matter of consideration, by which it seemingly undertook to repeal the obnoxious resolutions of 1898.

We are free to confess that they are not satisfactory. They are couched in such a superfluity of verbiage as to leave great doubts of their real meaning. The writer of that report, with exceeding ingenuity, has exhausted the vocabulary in an effort "how not to say it." They constitute a fearful and wonderfully constructed instrument. They do not strike us as being frank or ingenious. Having read them five or six times, we own up that we cannot understand them. We hope that this results from our inability to comprehend that style of diplomatic composition, and not from any design upon the part of the composer. We are reminded of the celebrated debate in the Georgia scenes upon the question "whether, in popular elections, the votes of faction or internal suggestion should dominate." One debater after another commenced to discuss the question, stop short with an air of dismay, and say, "Mr. President, I will pay my fine; I don't understand the question." We are just in that fix. We throw up the sponge and are willing to pay our fine. We don't understand the report or the resolutions, and respectfully refer to Bro. Matthews' comments.

Will the Grand Lodge of Washington please tell us in plain English what it does mean?

Does it recognize the American doctrine of exclusive grand lodge jurisdiction.

Does it repudiate all spurious masonry, and especially the so-called Prince Hall grand lodge and all of its offshoots?

Does it refuse to recognize and will it prevent its subordinates from recognizing, holding intercourse with, or affiliating with spurious or clandestine masons?

We have tried to find an answer to the above questions, or even to some of them, in the report and resolutions, but have totally failed.

The answers to these questions embrace in a nutshell the issues which induced us to suspend intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Washington; and, until satisfactorily made, we must be pardoned for allowing the *status quo* to remain undisturbed.

Bro. T. M. Matthews submitted his usual carefully prepared report on fraternal correspondence, from which the following extracts are taken under the head of Minnesota:

R. W. Bro. J. A. Kiester, the representative of Texas, was not present, and apropos thereof we call the attention of the Minnesota and Texas grand masters to the fact that there is no representative to the latter from the former.

A very thorough and interesting review of the proceedings of fifty-six sister grand lodges was presented by the chairman of the committee on correspondence, Bro. Irving Todd. If his brethren, for whom this summary is written, will read it they cannot fail to be benefitted and informed thereby. After having noticed the action of this grand lodge upon the subject of the recognition by the Grand Lodge of Washington of negro masonry, we read, with more than ordinary interest, the comments thereon by Bro. Todd. As we read between the lines, had he been the controlling spirit in his grand lodge in this matter all masonic intercourse with that revolutionary body would have been cut off until such time, at least, as it should have come to its senses. * * * The proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas (1897) receives from our brother a very kindly, fraternal notice, for which we thank him.

Of the manifesto of the Grand Lodge of Washington Bro. Matthews says:

This declaration is the most adroitly written and curiously worded paper we have ever read or seen, and, as one is forced to read between the lines, is intended more to conceal than to express clearly its true meaning.

M.: W.: R. M. Lusk, Bonham, Grand Master; R.: W.: John Watson, Houston, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. T. M. Matthews, Athens, chairman of the committee on correspondence.

UTAH, 1900.

The twenty-ninth annual communication was held at Ogden, Jan. 16th and 17th, M.: W.: J. D. Murdoch, Grand Master. The nine lodges all represented. Six past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Membership eight hundred and sixty-seven; gain sixty. Receipts \$1,890.50.

The portrait is that of the grand master elect.

The following bit of patriotism is found in the report of the committee on grand master's address:

When your committee considers that the first allegiance of our grand master was to the Cross of St. Andrew and St. George, and that his first oath of masonic fealty was taken under the same ensign,

we cannot commend too highly that spirit of broad imperialism and loyalty to our beloved country and his flag which pervades the address, and which would keep the banner of freemasonry "full high advanced" beside Old Glory in the Philippines, where we hope this grand lodge may yet lay an ashlar in the foundation of another American grand lodge of masons, and thus assist in completing, in peace, the work that Utah's sons have so gallantly begun in war.

A charter was granted to the lodge under dispensation; a public reception was tendered the first evening by the local lodge; the craft was congratulated that the unfortunate resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Washington recognizing negro masonry have now been rescinded; grand representatives who fail to attend two consecutive annual communications are to be recommended for removal; the constituent lodges were required to insure their furniture and paraphernalia and provide a vault or safe for their records; the jurisprudence committee recommended the topical form for reports on correspondence; the Grand Orient of Belgium was recognized; an enjoyable banquet was served the second evening, which Bro. Chris says will be remembered for many years to come, and he is a judge of good things; and the Emery ring was handed down to the grand master elect.

The grand secretary's twenty-fourth annual report on correspondence is also one of his best, with nearly two pages given over to Minnesota. He writes:

The grand master's address is a first class masonic document, dealing briefly with every possible subject of interest to the craft.

Grand Secretary Thomas Montgomery makes his usual complete and interesting report.

Love is the theme of an oration delivered by W. Bro. H. R. Adams. The oration is sprinkled with appropriate quotations of poetry, and is one of the best that has come to our notice during the year.

Past Grand Master G. H. Davis, of Idaho fame, presented an affectionate eulogy upon the death of Bro. C. T. Stearns.

The report on correspondence was again submitted by W. Bro. Irving Todd. It is a carefully prepared paper of an even hundred pages, of which Utah for 1898 gets a little over one.

The proceeding of the seventh annual reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association, held Jan. 10th, are published with the proceedings. That the Vets have always a way up time at the banquet table

is proven by the following. * * * May not one of the one hundred and two veterans who enjoyed that banquet be absent in 1900.

Bro. Diehl says that the templar regulation requiring good standing in lodge and chapter as a requisite of membership has had a good effect in Utah, bringing back quite a few lost sheep to the fold of blue lodge masonry; that it is not advisable to receive the application of a Roman Catholic for the degrees; that the use of the pruning scissors is a necessity in a well governed lodge, and that it is poor policy to do without it; that the mere matter of a charter being in the lodge room at all times is not important; that the conferring of the master's degree with robes seems like a variety show, which he wouldn't see again for love or money; and that he will try his level best at a topical report next year, as directed by his grand lodge.

By the way, Bro. Chris., is that little word *savez* you spring on us occasionally also Indian? *Quien sabe?*

A condensed account of the Washington memorial is furnished by Bro. Diehl, who attended as the guest of the grand master. It is given in the appendix, with the exercises held in Utah.

M.: W.: G. V. Schramm, Ogden, Grand Master; R.: W.: Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City, reelected Grand Secretary.

VERMONT, 1900.

The one hundred and seventh annual communication was held at Burlington, June 13th and 14th, M.: W.: W. S. Nay, Grand Master. Eighty-five lodges represented; one hundred and two on the roll. Eight past grand masters and our representative present.

Membership ten thousand, one hundred, and ninety-three; gain twenty-seven. Receipts \$7,283.

The portrait is that of the grand chaplain and our representative.

The Grand Master of New Jersey and several past grand masters were welcomed as visitors; a delightful boat ride on Lake Champlain was tendered; an appropriation of \$200 was

made to complete the grand lodge register; an olive wood gavel from Jerusalem was presented by a local lodge; recognition of the Grand Orient of Belgium was rescinded, owing to its affiliation with the Grand Orient of France; a resolution of sympathy was forwarded to Bro. G. W. Wing, past grand master, detained at home by the illness of his wife; a proposed consolidation of two lodges was ratified, under the older charter; and a handsome apron was presented to Bro. D. N. Nicholson, past grand master, by his home lodge.

Bro. M. O. Perkins presented his customary report on foreign correspondence, with a fraternal review of Minnesota, from which we take the following:

In an able and business-like address the grand master announces the death of M. W. Alphonso Barto, past grand master, at his home in St. Cloud, Nov. 4th, 1899, a native of Vermont, born in Hinesburgh, May 27th, 1834, and lieutenant governor of Minnesota in 1873. Other tribute of affection is found in a memorial circular and the report of a special committee, all showing him to be deeply endeared in the hearts of his brethren.

The grand master * * * speaks with pride of the part taken by Minnesota in the Washington centennial; by the way, we notice among the delegates the name of Hiram F. Stevens, an old time Vermonter, and once a member of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

The restoration of the old charter (St. Paul Lodge No. 3) is a fitting recognition of the semi-centennial introduction of free-masonry into this New England of the West.

The annual oration before grand lodge was delivered by the grand orator, W. Bro. H. D. Dickinson, who developed the theme of Character and Duty in eloquence and patriotism. We would be pleased to reproduce it in its entirety, but must content ourselves with a single excerpt.

Bro. Irving Todd again submits the report on correspondence, an admirable review of fifty-five grand jurisdictions, including Vermont for 1899. He is a little critical as to the makeup of the proceedings, implying that the grand master and some of the committees found it easier to spread out than to carry out the former's suggestions as to lessening the expense of printing. But, then, Bro. T. is a past master, if not a past grand master, in the art of condensation.

Under the head of Washington he says:

It is the consensus of opinion of every American grand lodge, and of every masonic writer of weight and authority in the country,

with barely an exception, that the Grand Lodge of Washington, by its action in 1898, attempted to place the stamp of legitimacy upon those who could trace their so-called masonic lineage to Prince Hall and his associates. We had hoped, and so expressed ourselves last year, that our brethren of Washington would realize that they had been misled and would at the earliest opportunity gracefully and fraternally acknowledge their error. Had the sixth resolution of the declaration of 1899 ended with the words, "said resolution is repealed," it would have been more creditable to, and more in accord with the dignity of, the grand lodge professing to repeal the obnoxious legislation of the preceding year. As it is it is questionable whether or not anything has been repealed; whether or not emphasis has not been given to the very expression of opinion, so-called, that both invited and justified the most emphatic protest and criticism. However, we are not disposed to discuss their latest manifesto. We are told it repeals the action of 1898. We hope so. And we most fervently hope that no grand lodge may ever again be placed in so unfortunate a position as to be "misunderstood" by all her sister American grand lodges. It is not conducive to the self respect of, if it be not humiliating to, the unfortunate grand lodge so situated.

M.: W.: W. S. Nay, Underhill, Grand Master, and R.: W.: W. G. Reynolds, Burlington, Grand Secretary, were re-elected; Bro. M. O. Perkins, Windsor, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

VIRGINIA, 1899.

The one hundred and twenty-second annual communication was held at Alexandria, Dec. 13th, 14th, and 15th, M.: W.: R. T. W. Duke, Jr., Grand Master. One hundred and ninety-nine lodges represented; two hundred and sixty-nine on the roll. Three past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Eleven dispensations for new lodges; one charter surrendered. Membership twelve thousand, eight hundred, and thirty-six; loss sixty-eight. Receipts \$9,576.75.

The portraits are of the grand master elect and Bro. George Washington, taken from life as master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22.

The grand master announced that the meeting was held outside of the capital city for the first time, with one excep-

tion, since 1784, for the purpose of commemorating the anniversary of a death. A full report of the Washington memorial exercises and addresses are given in the journal of proceedings, together with a list of distinguished visitors from all parts of the country. Minnesota was represented by the M.: W.: A. T. Stebbins, Grand Master, and Bros. J. A. Tawney, F. M. Eddy, C. C. Whitney, H. F. Stevens, and J. J. Boobar.

A gavel was presented by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the head from the Cambridge elm under which Gen. Washington took the oath as commander in chief, and the handle from the old South Church in Boston; the grand master held that a corner stone could not be laid on Sunday, and that two lodges cannot consolidate; a sumptuous banquet was served at Armory Hall to the grand lodge and its visitors; the second day was devoted to the services at Mt. Vernon; seven charters were granted, four dispensations continued, and one was not continued; a committee was appointed to arrange ceremonies for laying of corner stones and elevation of cap stones, to report next year; and a telegram of greeting was forwarded to Bro. R. E. Withers, past grand master.

Bro. J. W. Eggleston is the writer of the report on foreign correspondence, a most creditable document, in which are found the following:

The grand master gives a sensible business address, which is the kind he declares himself most fitted for.

Bro. Todd gives Virginia for 1897 a fraternal notice, but this time raises no questions as to our old fashioned ways being innovations. He is an able, fearless, and experienced member of the guild, and whoever takes issue with him had best remember the words of Scott:

"Now, gallant Saxon, hold thine own;
No maiden's arms are round thee thrown."

The Masonic Veteran Association, composed of masons of more than thirty years' standing, is a noble and useful institution in Minnesota. It is regularly organized, and its proceedings are published as a part of the appendix.

Twenty-one instead of thirty, Bro. Eggleston.

M. W. G. W. Wright, Marion, Grand Master; R. W. G. W. Carrington, Richmond, reëlected Grand Secretary; Bro. J. W. Eggleston, Richmond, chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence.

WASHINGTON, 1900.

The forty-third annual communication was held at Tacoma, June 12th, 13th, and 14th, M. W. W. M. Seeman, Grand Master. Ninety-seven lodges represented; one hundred on the roll. Twelve past grand masters present, our representative included.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership five thousand, three hundred, and ninety-nine; gain four hundred and fifty. Receipts \$7,324.51.

The deaths of Bro. P. A. Preston and Bro. J. E. Edmiston, past grand masters, and Bro. William McMicken, grand treasurer, were announced.

The portraits are of the grand master and Bro. W. H. Upton, past grand master.

Recognition of the Gran Dieta of Mexico, the Grand Lodge of Peru, and the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico were declined; an exchange of representatives was authorized with the Grand Orient of Belgium; an interesting address was delivered by Bro. A. C. Rice, acting grand orator, on Masonic Phasis; a report of the jurisprudence committee upon the recent repeal of the edict against the Grand Lodge of Hamburg was deferred a year for action; the district lecturer system of disseminating the work was adopted; an attempt to repeal the legislation against liquor dealers was defeated; Bro. W. A. De Wolf-Smith, of British Columbia, was welcomed with the grand honors; charters were granted to the four lodges under dispensation; a resolution calling for a congress of grand lecturers was referred to the committee on correspondence, to report next year; fraternal greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Oregon; lodges were prohibited from holding meetings during the annual communications of the grand lodges except for burial of the dead; an appropriation of \$600 for clerk hire was voted to the grand

secretary; the compensation of the committee on correspondence was increased to \$200; a committee was appointed to investigate the subject of establishing a masonic home; and the proposed cutting off the past masters in grand lodge was vetoed by the committee on jurisprudence.

The report on correspondence was presented by Bro. W. H. Upton, from which we quote:

The portrait prefixed, of Grand Treasurer J. H. Thompson, is an exceptionally fine example of photogravure.

The address of Grand Master A. T. Stebbins, while meritorious, was chiefly of local interest only.

We rarely find it necessary to notice grand secretaries' reports, but those of R. W. Bro. Thomas Montgomery, an exceptionally able and well informed mason, are always interesting and valuable. He is building up quite a valuable library for the grand lodge, and deserves the thanks of all readers for the superior manner in which he indexes the proceedings.

Bro. H. D. Dickinson delivered a chaste and scholarly oration on Character and Duty, which we compliment highly when we say it is a worthy successor to the admirable address on the theme of Love with which Grand Orator H. R. Adams charmed the same body the previous year. Bro. Adams, we are pleased to see, is now junior grand warden. If the Minnesota brethren mediately deeply on the subject of these two orations, there will never be any friction between them and Washington masons.

Had Bro. Upton remained upon the committee due attention would have been paid to the three pages of misrepresentation which follows, but as he has retired, as he says, "to earn a few dollars for the children," the matter will be considered as closed. If there is any particular satisfaction in having the last word he is welcome to it.

M. W. S. J. Chadwick, Colfax, Grand Master; R. W. T. M. Reed, Olympia, reelected Grand Secretary; Bro. E. H. Van Patten, Dayton, committee on correspondence.

WEST VIRGINIA, 1899.

The thirty-fifth annual communication was held at Martinsburg, Nov. 15th and 16th, M. W. Joseph Hall, Grand Master. One hundred and nine lodges represented; one hun-

dred and fifteen on the roll. Nine past grand masters present; our representative absent.

Three dispensations for new lodges. Membership six thousand, five hundred, and sixty-seven; gain three hundred and sixteen. Receipts \$4,839.50.

The death of Bro. A. M. Evans, past grand master, was announced.

The portraits are of the grand master elect, the grand lecturer, and the grand secretary.

The address is a bulky document, occupying two hours and twenty minutes in its delivery; it might have been shortened at least one-half without the omission of anything necessary or important to have been said. Eight of the twenty-four decisions were properly disapproved by the committee on jurisprudence; the others are not of general interest. The grand master reported that he had revoked the appointment of their representative near the Grand Lodge of Washington for its action on negro masonry. A large portion of his time seems to have been occupied with requests for waivers of jurisdiction and the physical qualifications of candidates, with the recommendation of a return to the original plan of masonry, the perfect youth.

The committee on revision of digest asked for further time; the Washington-La Fayette apron exhibited at our grand lodge in 1892 was present as a relic of no ordinary amount of interest; the grand officers were requested to attend the Washington memorial in their official capacity, and a contribution of \$500 was forwarded towards the expenses; a sumptuous banquet was served at the city hall the first evening; a lodge of sorrow for their deceased past grand master was held at high twelve; four charters were granted and one dispensation continued; the committee on masonic home asked for further time; and a proposed amendment abolishing the so-called degree of past master lies over a year under the rules.

The report on foreign correspondence was from the versatile pen of the grand secretary, who has time to go to congress, govern his state, practice law, write books, and edit a

newspaper in addition to a personal attention to the duties of the office. Minnesota once more appears upon his exchange list, after an absence of several years, and is noticed as follows among other things:

A photogravure of the sitting grand master, M. W. Bro. A. T. Stebbins, appears as a frontispiece to the proceedings. He is a handsome, baldheaded, rather elderly, old gentleman, and his concise, clearly put annual address proves that he is a well up mason.

R. W. Thomas Montgomery, who has been grand secretary for ten years, submitted an exhaustive report.

The grand orator, Bro. H. R. Adams, of Minneapolis, delivered a finished oration, his theme being Love.

Bro. Irving Todd, one of the veteran grand lodge reviewers of the country, came forward with one of his complete and entertaining reports on foreign correspondence. He spent no time on an exordium or a peroration, but jumped upon Alabama instantler and ended up with Wyoming. As the session of this grand lodge was held last January, Bro. Todd did not know of the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Washington at its June session of this year. He, however, necessarily devotes a good deal of space to the action of that grand lodge on the subject of negro masonry, but is very conservative in his criticisms. He is of opinion that many of the grand bodies of the United States were hasty and inconsiderate in their conclusions upon the momentous problem. Nevertheless, no well meaning mason will censure Bro. Todd for his conclusions on the subject. My learned brother gives West Virginia for 1897 one page of his valuable space.

Under the head of British Columbia he relieves his mind of the following:

This grand lodge has gone into a fight to a finish to require its lodge secretaries to make (1) prompt reports to the grand secretary, and (2) that they shall be correct. I have watched this procedure for a great many years in my own and other grand bodies, and my deliberate judgment is that the subordinate lodges will be declared the winner. There is no power in the heavens above, or the earth beneath, or the waters under the earth that can require lodge secretaries to do their work either promptly or correctly. Grand lodges may pass all the regulations they please, and still the bulk of the lodges will come up late and short in their reports to the grand lodge. The secretaries do not mean to be obstreperous. They simply do as they please, and what are we going to do about it? Nothing. I have had a vast amount of experience along these lines, and I long ago quit

trying to enforce grand lodge rules, and therefore simply do the best I can.

M.: W.: Neil Robinson, Grand Master; R.: W.: G. W. Atkinson reelected Grand Secretary; both of Charleston.

WISCONSIN, 1900.

The forty-sixth annual communication was held at Milwaukee, June 12th, 13th, and 14th, M.: W.: C. E. Whelan, Grand Master. Two hundred and twenty-one lodges represented; two hundred and thirty-seven on the roll. Sixteen past grand masters present, including our representative.

Two dispensations for new lodges; one charter arrested. Membership seventeen thousand, six hundred, and nineteen; gain one hundred and ninety-eight. Receipts \$6,769.92.

The death of Bro. Leonard Barrett, grand tyler for the past thirty years, was announced. His portrait faces the memorial pages.

Concerning his action of last year the grand master says:

The Grand Lodge of Washington was in session at the same time as that of Wisconsin, and at its session it rescinded its action of the year before according to a telegram received by the grand secretary from the grand secretary of Washington, just prior to the publication of the proceedings. I, therefore, immediately issued an edict continuing our intercourse uninterrupted. Later we received the official report of the Washington grand lodge proceedings, and I read with much regret the resolutions adopted, which rescinded the letter of the former action, but in which the spirit of insistence upon the right of the offending position dominates. It would have been much more conducive to harmony and a restoration of perfect concord between the Grand Lodge of Washington and the brethren elsewhere had more temperate language been used toward the jurisdiction which condemned the Washington action, and had a more positive abandonment of their unenviable position been promulgated. The resolutions, I am satisfied, do not voice the general sentiment of the membership in Washington, and I look for a more pronounced declaration against the action of 1898 at the session of the Washington grand lodge this week, and one which will be fully acceptable to the brethren without the confines of that state. Bro. Aldro Jenks, in his report as correspondence committee, will fully discuss this matter and express Wisconsin's position in his own able manner, and I think it safe in his hands.

Bro. Jenks' review of Washington for 1899 is probably one of the most fraternal that has so far been published, although wholly dissenting from the equivocal position in which that jurisdiction has placed itself.

Among the approved decisions were the following:

15. A brother excluded for non-payment of dues is liable for all dues which have accrued during his exclusion before he is entitled to reinstatement.

19. A lodge cannot make one of its own members an honorary member.

No. 15 seems to be in accord with the law in several jurisdictions, although it is difficult to understand how dues can accrue against an excluded member.

An installation service for the grand lodge was adopted and printed as an appendix; an oil portrait of Bro. N. C. Giffin, past grand master, was presented and accepted with thanks; a sinking fund was proposed for a masonic home, to be considered next year; an edict prohibiting soliciting for office was adopted; a jewel was voted to the retiring grand master; four charters were granted; the grand master was authorized to accept valid excuses of absentees; and greetings were exchanged by wire with the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

The report on foreign correspondence is a well prepared paper, by Bro. Aldro Jenks, who says of Minnesota:

The grand secretary also reports having, on the Friday previous to this communication, installed his second son as worshipful master of Lincoln Lodge, on whom he conferred the several craft degrees only a little over two years ago. We congratulate him on having a son who bids fair to become a worthy successor of his honored sire.

Bro. J. H. Thompson, who for the twenty-third time was installed as grand treasurer, received the thanks of the grand lodge for his faithful services, and it was unanimously voted that his portrait be inserted in the proceedings of this year, at the expense of the grand lodge. His portrait fills the title page, and seems to be an excellent likeness.

Bro. Irving Todd, as heretofore, presides at the reportorial table and presents us with another terse and well considered review of the actions of sister jurisdictions, including those of Wisconsin for 1899.

Under the head of Maine he says:

In this state we have a number of enthusiastic masons who are Catholics, and among the number is one who at the time of his initiation, and for many years afterward, was a Roman Catholic priest. We believe that he is such at the present day, and still is a member in good standing of one of our lodges, at least this was true a few years ago when we investigated the subject. The three degrees were conferred upon him at a communication of the lodge by virtue of a dispensation of the Grand Master of Wisconsin. We have personally seen and inspected the records of the lodge on that occasion. We have never known any harm to result to masonry therefrom.

M. W. C. C. Rogers, Grand Master; R. W. J. W. Laflin reelected Grand Secretary; both of Milwaukee; Bro. Aldro Jenks, Dodgeville, committee on foreign correspondence.

WYOMING, 1900.

The twenty-sixth annual communication was held at Green River, Sept. 5th, M. W. E. P. Bowman, Grand Master. Twelve lodges represented; sixteen on the roll. Two past grand masters present.

Membership ten hundred and ninety-eight; gain, fifty-four. Receipts \$1,285.

The portraits are of the grand master and a past grand master.

The following was among the decisions reported and approved:

If a majority vote of a lodge be against the reinstatement of a member suspended for non-payment of dues, can the lodge retain the money accompanying petition for reinstatement? The money should be returned to the petitioner.

It occurs to us that the money should be accepted as the payment of a just debt, and placed to the credit of the brother upon the lodge ledger.

The special committee on masonic home reported that any present action would be premature; an official work was

adopted and ordered promulgated; the committee on library reported adversely for want of a permanent place of meeting; an amendment prohibiting the reception of a petition from any saloon keeper, bartender, or professional gambler was lost; the action of the Grand Lodge of Washington was referred to a special committee, to report next year; a compilation of decisions on masonic law was ordered printed; the traveling expenses of two lodge representatives was ordered paid at the next annual communication; the grand secretary was reelected by unanimous ballot, as he well deserved; and a banquet was tendered by the local lodge.

A condensed report on correspondence was prepared by the grand secretary, with the following complimentary allusion to the writer:

A good report on correspondence is from the pen of Bro. Irving Todd. We thank him sincerely for his notice of Wyoming and sympathy extended to this correspondent.

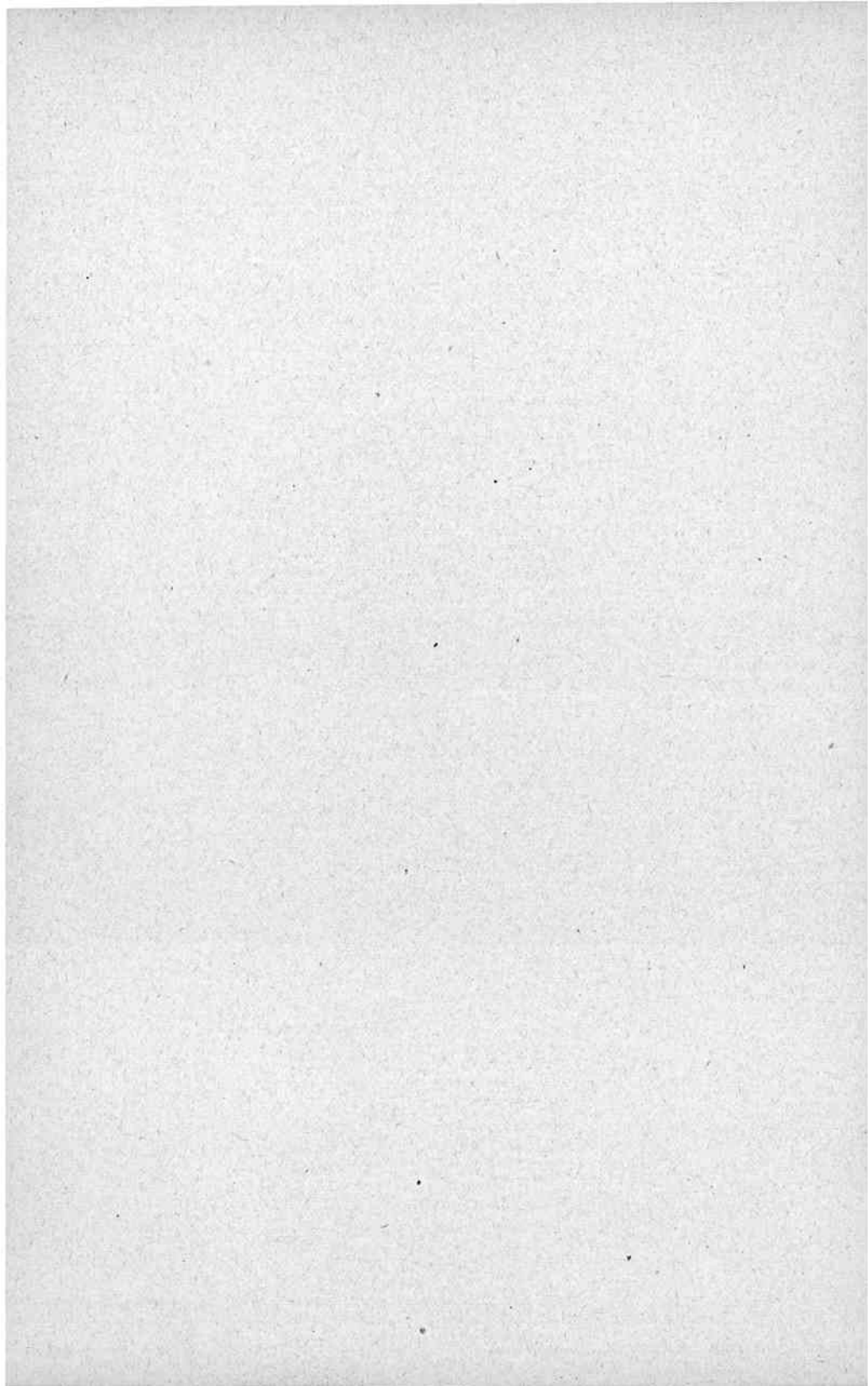
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W.: W. L. Kuykendall, Saratoga, reelected Grand Secretary.

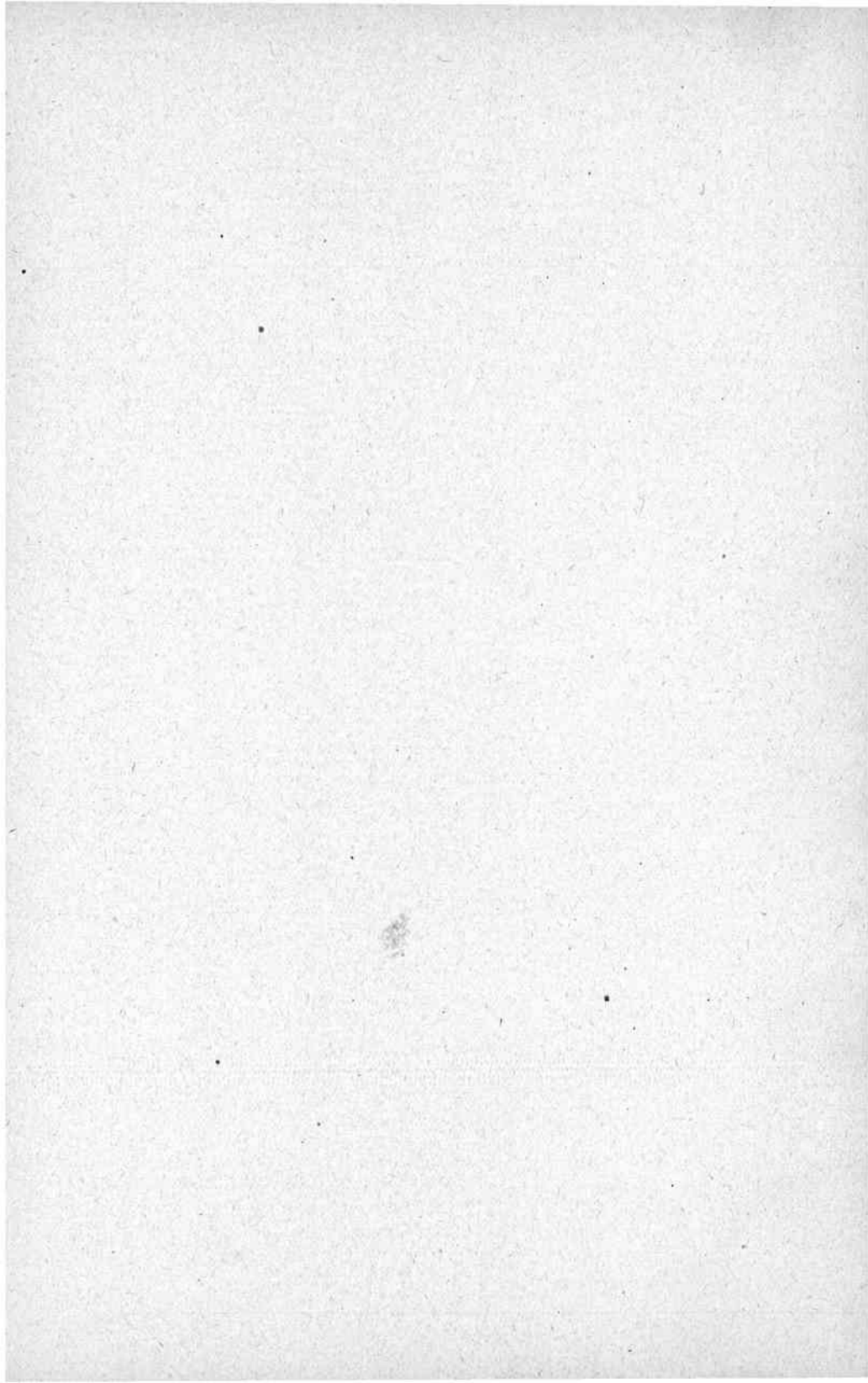
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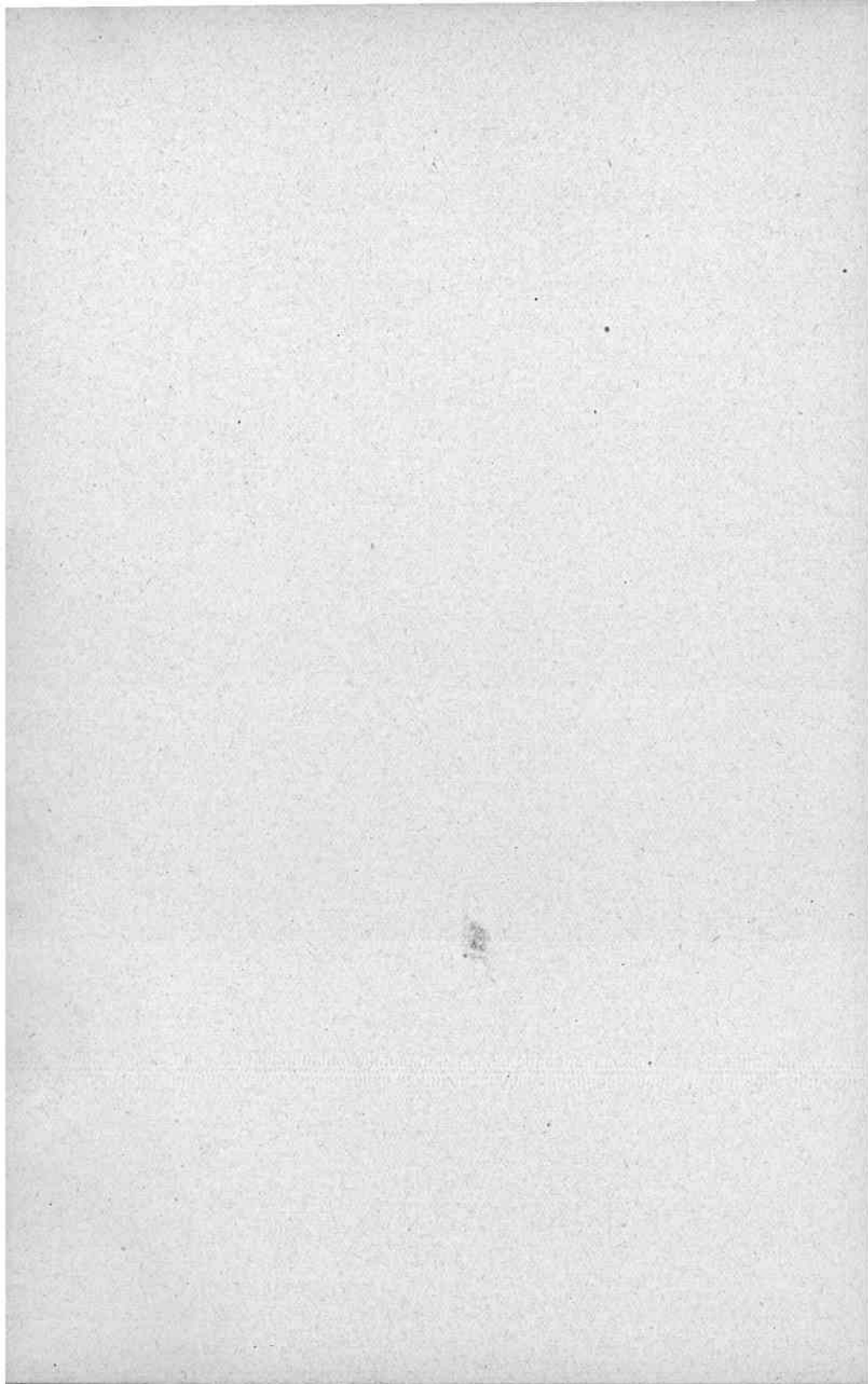
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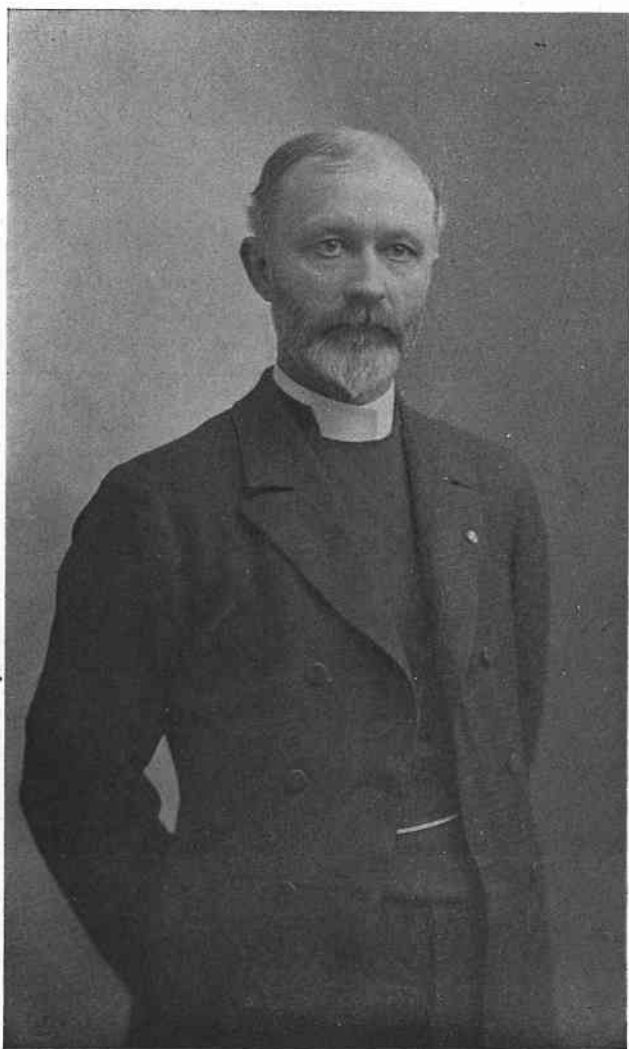
For the Committee.

Hastings, Dec. 27th, 1900.









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RT. REV. MAHLON NORRIS GILBERT, D. D., LL. D.

Bishop-Coadjutor of Minnesota.

"It matters not how a man dies, but how he lives."

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HONORARY ROLL OF MINNESOTA VETERANS.

(Fifty or more years Master Masons).

JAMES ALEXANDER GARVER, 1837.	WILLIAM LEE, 1845.
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JOHN NIVEN, 1850.	GILES WILLIAM MERRILL, 1850.
ISAAC PHILLIPS WRIGHT, 1850.	JOHN WADLIN MILLER, 1850.

The Tenth Annual Reunion and Feast will be held in Masonic Temple
St. Paul, on Wednesday evening, Jan. 22, 1902.

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FIRST SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 22, 1901.

Pursuant to notices duly mailed to all of the members, the first session of the Ninth Annual Reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association was held this Tuesday evening, Jan. 22, 1901, in one of the parlors of Masonic Hall, at St. Paul, Minn., at 8 o'clock p. m.

Present—Bro. George R. Metcalf, President.

Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague, Treasurer.

Bro. Henry M. Tusler, as Secretary.

Bro. William H. Grant, Historian.

And a number of the brethren.

As per announcement, the general business of the Reunion was deferred until the evening of the 23d.

Applications for active membership were received from twelve brethren, and they were duly elected. (See Roster Nos. 348 to 359 inclusive.)

Brother John Wadlin Miller, of Duluth, a Master Mason for more than fifty years, was elected an honorary member.

Receipts from twelve petitioners, at \$5, \$60.

Adjourned.

HENRY M. TUSLER,
Acting Secretary.

SECOND SESSION.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 23, 1901.

Pursuant to adjournment the second session of the Ninth Annual Reunion of the Masonic Veteran Association met in the Blue Room of Masonic Hall, St. Paul, Jan. 23, 1901, at 8 p. m.

Present—Bro. George R. Metcalf, President.

Bro. B. F. Farmer, First Vice President.

Bro. Joseph H. Thompson, Second Vice President.

Bro. I. B. B. Sprague, Treasurer.

Bro. Henry M. Tusler, as Secretary.

Bro. Benjamin J. Knapp, Marshal.

Rev. Bro. George H. Davis, Chaplain.

Bro. W. H. Grant, Historian.

And one hundred and twenty-seven of the brethren.

Such minutes of the Association as had not been printed, and the records of the meetings of the Board of Directors held in 1890, on February 1, March 21, June 1, and December 31, were read and approved.

At these several meetings seven members had been elected. (See Roster Nos. 341 to 347 inclusive.)

Applications were then received from eight (8) brethren for active membership, and they were duly elected. (See Roster Nos. 360 to 367 inclusive.)

REPORTS OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

The report of the Secretary for 1900 was submitted as follows:

Active members, Jan. 1, 1900.....	286
Added during the year.....	38
	324
Died during the year.....	8
	316
Active members Jan. 1, 1901.....	316
Honorary members, Jan. 1, 1900.....	21
Added during the year.....	3
	24
Died during the year.....	1
Honorary members Jan. 1, 1901.....	23
Total membership Jan. 1, 1901.....	339

Receipts for the year 1900 have been—

Fees from thirty-eight petitioners, at \$5.....	\$190.00
Eight orders drawn (Nos. 68 to 75).....	163.76
Excess of receipts over expenditures.....	26.24

The Treasurer's report showed—

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1900.....	\$35.14
Received during the year.....	190.00
Total	\$225.14
Disbursements (Warrants Nos. 68 to 75).....	163.76
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1900.....	\$61.38

The reports were referred to an auditing committee, Bros. A. D. Countryman, W. H. Grant and F. M. Hesler, who reported.

To the Masonic Veteran Association of Minnesota:

Your Auditing Committee respectfully report that they have examined the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and find them correct, and agreeing in every particular. The funds are deposited in the name of the Association in the Second National Bank of St. Paul, as we have ascertained by a personal visit to the bank. We congratulate the Association on the carefulness and efficiency of the Secretary and Treasurer.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed) A. D. COUNTRYMAN,

W. H. GRANT,

F. M. HESLER,

Auditing Committee.

THE ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

The customary address of welcome to those who had been elected to membership since the last Annual Reunion and at this meeting was made by our Venerable Brother, Samuel R. Van Sant, Governor of Minnesota. In the dual role of Chief Executive of the Commonwealth and of a member of the Association, he wisely deviated from the ordinary practice of confining the greeting to new members only, but gracefully extended it to the many Veterans visiting the Saintly City from more or less distant sections of the state:

Venerable Brethren and Veteran Masons:

As Chief Executive of the State, I extend to you a cordial welcome to our Capital City. So, too, as a brother Mason, I meet you and greet you. Your presence honors our city, and I am honored in being selected to perform this duty. May your stay be pleasant, and may we part with more love for our splendid Order, and more devotedly attached to one another! There is no tie that binds like ours.

To be a good Mason is to be a good citizen. We are respected in every community, and the universal brotherhood of man comes nearer to realization because of the existence of our beloved Order. Let us continue the work.

I therefore express the wish that Masonry may live, flourish, and do more good in the twentieth century, if possible, than it has accomplished in the one just closed. I congratulate you that we are permitted to assemble at the dawn of the new century, and I am sure that all Masons will do their utmost to make it the most memorable in the world's history. Then shall our development be unsurpassed, and our opportunities the greatest that ever came to a nation; then shall our country be the chiefest factor in making all peoples free, and our Flag, wherever it floats, whether in America or across the seas and oceans, shall carry liberty with it!

Our Order is devoted to patriotism. Our brothers in the past have freely sacrificed their lives in order that the nation might live, and to-day they stand ready at duty's call to die, if need be, for home, for native land, and for others' freedom.

Our brothers have occupied, and do occupy, positions of honor and trust, and in every instance they have been faithful to them.

I recall to mind a brother Mason who stood as a bulwark against tyranny; who for seven long years fought to establish this modern republic; he was its first president. I refer to our brother, George Washington.

Another, while a mere boy, took his gun in hand, and leaving mother, home and school, fought to save the nation. I refer to our present President, Bro. William McKinley.

Brothers, we cannot all be Washingtons and McKinleys; but we can do our duty, and if we do it well, surely we shall receive our reward, and at the same time shall benefit the state, our families, and ourselves.

All honor to you, Veteran Masons! Your race is well nigh run, but your memory and your deeds will live forever, and I am sure that your lives will be an inspiration for younger Masons long after you have passed away. May the grim monster long delay his final summons!

Again I bid you welcome.

Then followed

THE ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

*"Ye reverend sires, once more our feet
Upon one common LEVEL meet;
Where knee to knee, and breast to breast,
We whisper welcome to each guest;
Whose honored locks have by the way
Of past decades, grown ripe and gray;
And who, by dint of honest toil,
Have quite deserved life's WINE AND OIL."*

The only WINE and OIL expressly provided by our Association are referred to in Art. V., Sec. I, of the Constitution, which says:

"All active members arriving at the Masonic age of fifty years shall be placed on the honorary list."

It is needless to add that the transfer does not curtail any of the rights they may have possessed while active members. The first of our active members to become entitled to this distinction is Venerable Brother William Tuttle Rigby, the oldest surviving Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. The fiftieth mile-stone of his Masonic journey was passed October 25, 1899, but the matter of transfer last year was overlooked. To the list may now be added Brothers John Niven, raised a Master Mason October 14, 1850, our venerable Secretary, Giles William Merrill, October 31, 1850, and Isaac Phillips Wright, some time in 1850. The month and day are unobtainable, as the records of his Kentucky lodge disappeared during the war. These brethren, together with our venerable Brothers William Lee, 1845, James Alexander Garver, 1837, Linsley McKee, 1848, and John Wadlin Miller, 1850, who was elected yesterday, complete the roll of Minnesota Veteran Masons who have toiled in the Masonic vineyard for half a century or more.

THE MARSHAL'S BADGE OF OFFICE.

In one of the earliest engagements of the Philippine insurrection, the daughter of a member of this Association, Col. J. M. J. Sanno, Eighteenth United States Infantry, desiring to see something of actual war, ensconced herself in the belfry of a native church, where, though under fire, she obtained a commanding view of the entire field of battle, and the final charge of the American troops over the intrenchments of the enemy.

Whether this young lady, Miss Katherine Sprague Sanno, had ever heard of the turbulent character of this Association, or simply had desired to commemorate her father's connection and interest in it, is not in evidence; nevertheless, whatever may have been her motive, from her, at Manila, comes a gift to the Association in the form of a Moros' "Campilan," which she desires should be carried hereafter by our Marshal as the proper badge of his office.

Venerable Brethren, Art. III., Sec. 5, of the Constitution states:

"The duty of the Marshal is to aid in the preservation of order, and to take charge of the door."

Brother Marshal, this campilan is now placed in your hands, with strict injunctions to see that it is transmitted to your successor with a like admonition.

From the formidable appearance of the weapon itself, it is to be hoped that you may be enabled to maintain order; at any rate, always thoughtfully consider the advanced ages and weaknesses of your brethren, and, if compelled to use it in the exercise of your official prerogative, with all charity, temper justice with mercy!

NECROLOGY.

"There comes a time—it comes to all—
When we shall hear the Warden's call,
And each, with ASHLAR ROUGH or TRUE,
Must pass Death's solemn portal through. .
Be it yours, my brethren, then to hear
From the Master's lips these words of cheer:
"Your work is found both true and square,
Pass on!"

Since our last Reunion eight of our active members and one on our honorary roll have answered to the Warden's call, and have passed beyond the veil which no mortal has ever lifted.

The first to solve the great enigma was

CHARLES FREDERICK MAHLER,

an active member, who died at his residence in St. Paul, on February 16, 1900. Our brother was born in Germany in 1836. In early childhood he emigrated to Ohio, and came to St. Paul in 1856. Immediately he engaged as a clerk in the drygoods house of which he subsequently became the head, and from which he retired with a substantial fortune but a short time previous to his death. He was raised a Master Mason in Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, on February 10, 1858, from which he withdrew to become one of the charter members of Summit Lodge, No. 163. He had received all the Masonic degrees conferred in the various bodies of St. Paul. He had been Commander of Damascus Commandery, No. 1, and while ever ready with counsel or money to promote the welfare of Masonry, with this exception, he never presided over any other organization.

While Masonry honors every man whom she permits to partake of her inestimable gifts, Masonry in her turn is sometimes honored by those who seek entrance within her portals; not because of their wealth, however great; not because of their birth, however exalted in the estimation of the world; not because of their reputation, however brilliant; but because of their daily walk and life in perfect harmony with the laws of God and man, and on account of their character, pure and spotless, exemplifying her own lofty ideals. Masonry was thus honored and enriched when

MAHLON NORRIS GILBERT,

an active member, who died in St. Paul, March 2, 1900, was inducted into the ranks of the Fraternity. Bishop Gilbert (see frontispiece) was born in Lawrens, New York, March 23, 1848, and was raised a Master Mason in Tienuderrah Lodge, No. 605, of New York, on August 17, 1875. To give even a brief account of his active life would be to detail the story of many an agency or work undertaken for the glory of God or good of man in Minnesota for the last twenty years. His Masonic life never passed beyond the Blue Lodge, although he had so often expressed the desire, when leisure should permit, to look further into the *arcana* of Masonry. He was a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5, and showed his love for the institution up to the very last weeks of his life. In spite of the pressing demands of his official duties, and many times at the expense of great physical discomfort, he was ever ready to yield to the request of his brethren to attend their meetings, and his addresses, always models of elegance and eloquence, afforded them ever increasing delight and instruction. His own conception of Masonry may be best understood by the following excerpt from the last address but one he ever made before a Masonic audience:

"What are the truths especially for which Masonry stands? First, it stands for Reverence. The solemn recognition of God is seen in the first symbol which meets the eye of the candidate as he gazes upward. Reverence is a principle which uplifts the human soul. It is, moreover, the conservator of law. Without Reverence for Deity, the human race would relapse into lawlessness; without Reverence, man would sink to the condition of the brute; without Reverence, all authority dies, all States crumble, all family life becomes debased, all fraternities lose their cohesive power. I would, therefore, place Reverence as the first corner-stone of Masonry.

"Secondly, it stands for Brotherhood. Therein we realize, or strive, at any rate, to realize, the ideal of humanity. Brotherhood! It is the golden cord, which binds together human hearts, it unites all peoples and all lands, it gives life to every effort for the unity of mankind, it smooths the 'wrinkles born of war,' and forever makes for peace. It enters the house of suffering and want, and brings sunshine in its train, it stands by the couch of sorrow, and throws over it a rainbow of hope, it breaks the distinction of classes which the world imposes, and brother grasps the hand of brother across the chasm which society erects. Masonry is the home of brothers. It lives in the expression of this principle. It carries it to the shadowed gates of eternity.

"Lastly, Masonry stands for Patriotism. Americans know this without argument. It was incarnated in Washington, and has shone forth in the illustrious careers of Masonic statesmen and warriors all along

the lines of our national history. The blood of Masons empurples every battle-field from Lexington to Manila. Wherever the flag has been flung to the breeze, there Masons have stood, and fought, and died. A true Mason is always loyal to his country. He labors ever for her highest weal. Patriotism for a Mason is not a sentiment, but a principle.

"Around these three great central verities of our Order, Reverence, Brotherhood, Patriotism, Masonry revolves."

Those who knew him best loved him and honored him, not for his rank in the Church of his choice, and in that lofty station he was unexcelled in promise by any of his brother prelates; not for his ability as a preacher and a teacher, and in those offices there were few more successful; not for his faithfulness to the fundamental principles of Masonry; but for the beauty of his manhood, which had been well rounded and polished until it had become a power in the community in which he lived. "He made no noise over a good deed, but passed to another as a vine to bear grapes again in season."

He died before his time. He was worn out in serving his fellow man. No greater loss ever happened to the civil or religious interests of Minnesota and to Masonry. It is irreparable, not only for what he had done, but still more for what his future promised. With all the solemn rites of his beloved Church, he was laid to rest in Oakland. Our venerable Brother Upham, a member of his own Lodge, and your President will always consider it one of the saddest distinctions of their lives that they were designated to act as honorary pallbearers on that occasion.

Across the continent, and on the shores of the Pacific,

WILLIAM BICKEL,

an active member, died at Seattle, March 13, 1900. He was a native of Baden, born July 13, 1834; raised a Master Mason February 19, 1859, in Mystic Lodge, No. 110, of Indiana, and was exalted to the Royal Arch in an Indiana Chapter. He was a member of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 5. He had lived in St. Paul for many years; was at one time prominent in political life; had been postmaster, U. S. consul in Mexico, connected with the Treasury Department at Washington, U. S. internal revenue assessor and collector, as well as alderman and president of the Common Council of St. Paul. The latter years of his life were devoted to banking, both in this city and in the West. He was buried in St. Paul.

On March 23, 1890, at Minneapolis, died

JAMES MARTIN PAINE,

an active member, who was born in North Anson, Maine. He was raised in Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, April 15, 1864. He had served as captain in the Second Minnesota Cavalry during the Civil War. No other facts are of record on the files of the Association.

WILLIAM F. MOWATT,

an active member, of Minneapolis, where he died April 20, 1900, was born in Dublin January 4, 1827. In Hennepin Lodge, No. 4, he was raised a Master Mason, May 31, 1865. His last illness (organic heart disease) was a long and painful one, but he bore it with patience and bravery, and welcomed the final summons, cherishing the belief expressed in his application where, in answer to the query as to his religious denomination, he wrote: "I put my trust in God."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CHASE,

an honorary member, died in Chicago, August 18, 1900. Brother Chase was born in Webster, Mass., October 14, 1830. In the last report of the Masonic Veteran Association of Illinois it is stated: He was one of the most upright men of the community—genial, kind and frank. He was the faithful and efficient Treasurer of Blaney Lodge, No. 271, for thirty-four years. This was the Lodge in which he was raised a Master Mason in 1863. He was buried with Masonic services, and rests in Graceland cemetery.

The Grand Tyler of the Grand Lodge and the Outer Guard of all the Grand and subordinate bodies meeting in this Hall,

JEAN CONRAD FISCHER,

an active member, died, after a brief illness, in St. Paul, on September 12, 1900. Born in Germany, October 22, 1832, he was raised a Master Mason in Horicon Lodge, No. 40, of Wisconsin, on April 6, 1859. He affiliated in Minnesota with St. Paul Lodge, No. 3, and was received as a member by all the associated Masonic bodies of the city. In conformity to his request, the funeral rites of the Knights of Kadosh were impressively rendered over his remains, at midnight, on September 15th, and on the following day they were committed to the grave at Oakland, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge. His was the second largest Masonic funeral ever held in St. Paul. "Old Brother Jean," as he was affectionately termed by hundreds of his Masonic brethren, will long hold a place in the memory of those who realized how faithfully he performed the duties which had been laid upon him. Night after night, and year after year, he was always found at his official post.

Of all the brethren who were admitted to our ranks one year ago, none were more interested in our Association and willing to endeavor to make it successful than

EVERETT HAMMONS,

an active member, who died at Anoka, on October 15, 1900. A native of Cornish, Maine, where he was born January 10, 1850, he graduated from Bowdoin College in the class of 1870, and two years subse-

quently was admitted to the bar. In Anoka he was the city attorney for three terms, president of the board of education, and at the time of his death county attorney. He was raised a Master Mason in Seabastick Lodge, No. 146, of Maine, on March 28, 1878; was a Royal Arch Mason and a Knight Templar, and had served as Master of Anoka Lodge, No. 30, and High Priest of his Chapter. A wife and daughter survive him. He was buried under Masonic auspices.

JAMES HENRY THOMAS,

an active member, died at Crookston, December 18, 1900. There are no facts obtainable of his life beyond the bare details as stated in his application to this Association. He was born in Port Hope, Canada, November 10, 1843; was a dentist; was raised a Master Mason in Alma Lodge, No. 244, of Michigan, August 9, 1873, and subsequently affiliated with Crookston Lodge, No. 141. He was a Royal Arch Mason, as well as a member of the Council, Commandery and Consistory.

A Masonic sage has written: "The splendors of the sun linger in the West after his setting, until the stars shine; and the life that he poured upon the earth during his life of a day is not lost or dead when the night, a veiled queen, reigns in her turn; but it has then become a part of the life and being of all the things upon which he shone. Even so, the fruitful influences of the dead inspire, invigorate and purify the living."

Bills to the amount of \$91.46 for badges, printing, postage, and the engrossing of diplomas were submitted, and ordered to be paid.

The following resolution, presented by Bro. A. D. Countryman, was adopted by a rising vote, and was ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

WHEREAS, The Association has heard with deep regret of the illness of our beloved Secretary, Bro. Giles W. Merrill;

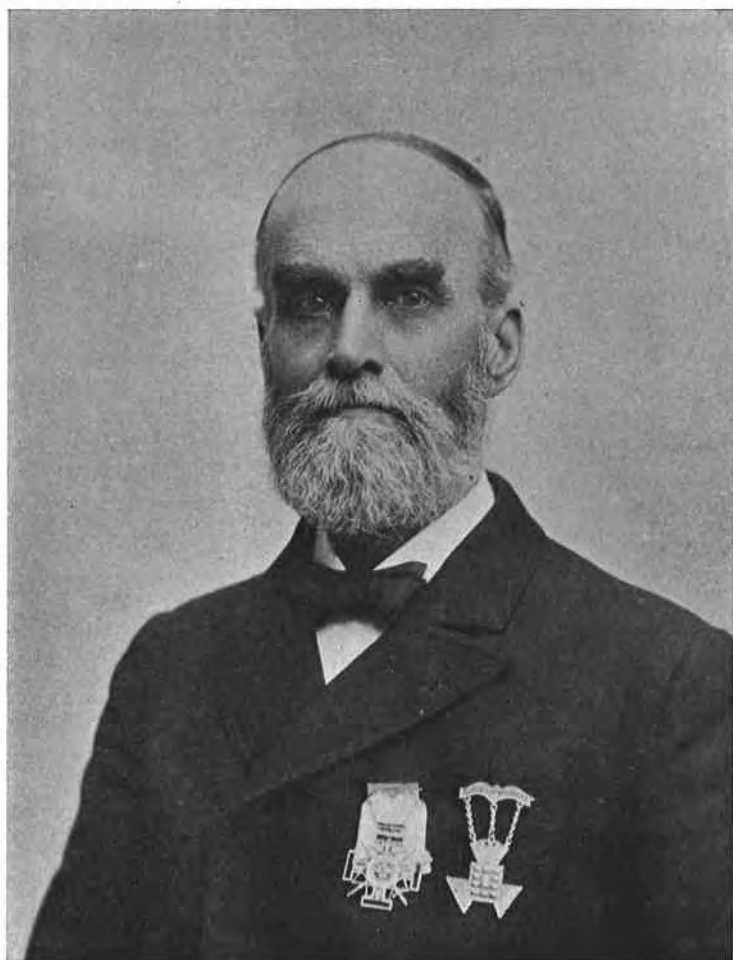
Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to our brother in his affliction, and express the hope that he may be speedily restored to health.

Upon motion of Bro. Benjamin F. Farmer, it was ordered that photographs of the members be procured, that they may be laid up among the records in the archives of the Association.

N. B.—Brethren who have not already complied with this resolution are requested to send their photographs at once to the Secretary. In years to come such a collection will be of priceless value.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 1901.

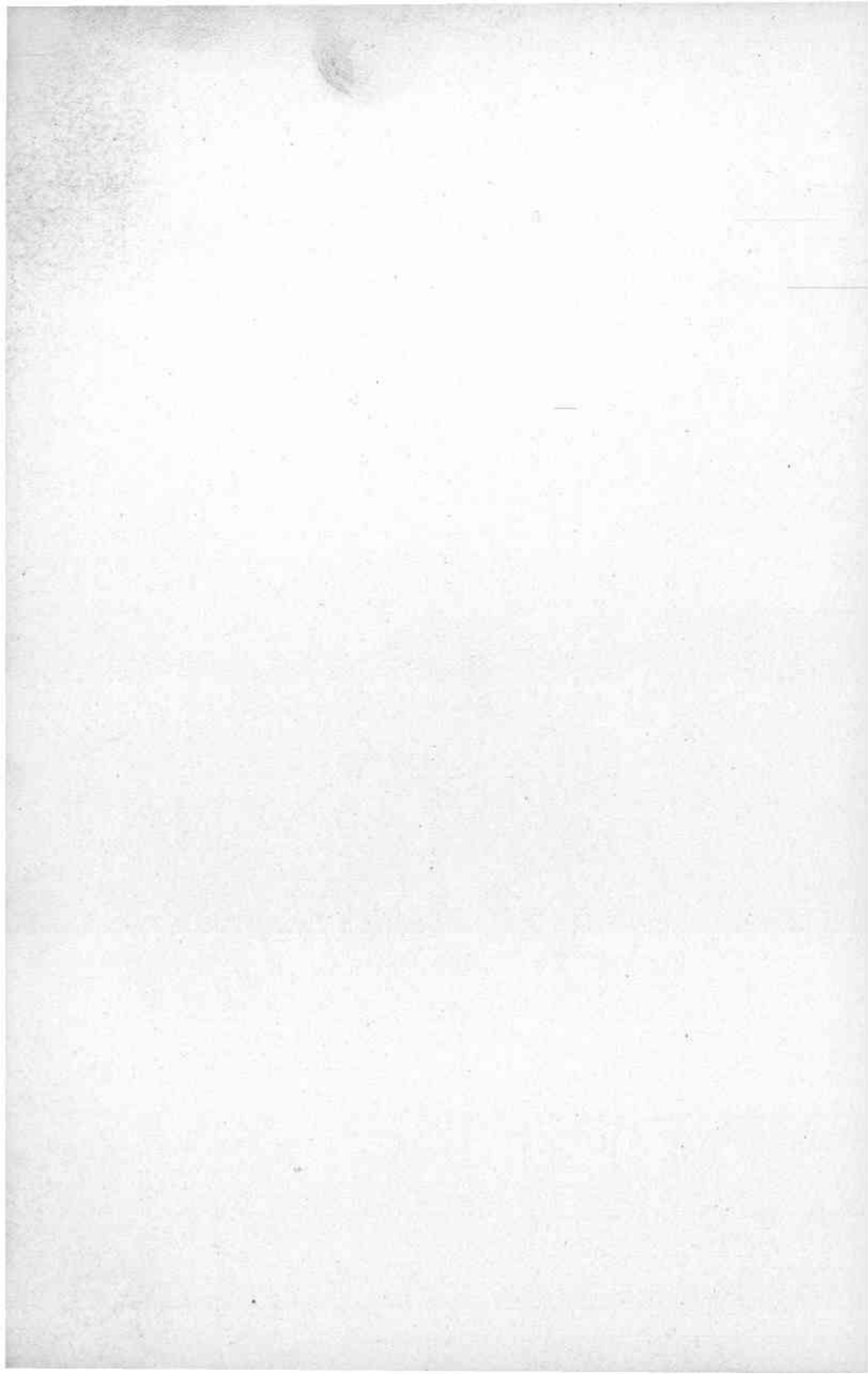
The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following were unanimously chosen:



*Fraternally Yours
Giles W. Merrill.*

The Secretary of the Association since its organization.

Raised a Master Mason October 31, 1850.



President—Bro. Geo. R. Metcalf of St. Paul.

First Vice President—Bro. Benj. F. Farmer of Spring Valley.

Second Vice President—Bro. Joseph H. Thompson of Minneapolis

Treasurer—Bro. Israel B. B. Sprague of St. Paul.

Secretary—Bro. Giles W. Merrill of St. Paul.

Marshal—Bro. Benjamin J. Knapp of St. Paul.

Bro. Geo. H. Davis of Mankato was appointed Chaplain.

Bro. Wm. H. Grant of Minneapolis was appointed Historian.

Bro. George Hunsaker of St. Paul was appointed Steward.

THE ANNUAL FEAST.

"A health for our future—a sigh for our past!
We love, we remember, we hope to the last;
And spite all the base lies that the almanacs hold,
While we've youth in our hearts we can never grow old."

The Brethren were animated by this sentiment, and were admitted to the Banqueting Room by tickets bearing the following device*.



AUT CLAVIS AUT RES DIFFICILIS
AD EXPLICANDUM.

"Be not too hasty: 'Tis a difficult road,
For mist is there, and darkness hard to pierce;
But if you have a guide who knows the system,
Then everything is clearer than the sun."

*An old Hermetic Symbol, copied from the *MATERIA PRIMA* of Valentinus, printed at Franckfurt, in 1613, with a treatise entitled "AZOTH." It is one of the few slender props which support the theory of the Hermetic origin of Freemasonry. Brethren further interested in the subject are referred to the work on "Morals and Dogma," by Albert Pike.

More than a hundred Veterans, after the Divine blessing had been invoked by the Venerable Chaplain, participated in the usual Feast. Whatever ravages Time may have effected upon "ye Antients," a loss of appetite was not, apparently, one of them.

When at length the tables were cleared, the Brethren, remembering that "he who doth not smoke, either hath known no great sorrow, or denieth himself the softest consolation," previous to and during the addresses offered up a snowy cloud of incense,

"To thee, blest weed, whose sovereign wiles,
O'er cankered care bring radiant smiles,
Best gift of Love to mortals given!
At once the bud and bliss of Heaven!
Crownless are kings uncrowned by thee;
Content the serf in thy sweet liberty,
O, charm of life! O, foe to misery!"

The post-prandial exercises were inaugurated by the stated toast, "The Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Minnesota," to which the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master, Alonzo Brandenburg, of Fergus Falls, responded:

Venerable Brethren: I know not what trouble there may have been between you and our Venerable President, nor what punishment he desires to have inflicted. He has never spoken to me of any serious altercation; but trouble there must have been, or he would not have appointed me as the instrument of castigation. Remember, therefore, Venerable Brethren, that I am not in fault in being asked to respond to the grandest of all toasts, "The M. W. the Grand Lodge of Minnesota," and that the response must be brief. This latter admonition is the one mitigating circumstance, and our Venerable President should be forgiven, provided he does not, in the future, repeat the offense. How you will fare is another question, which you must answer for yourselves.

Of our first Masonic settlers, who assisted in organizing the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, it may be justly said that the hills and dales were their first Temples, and their covering the blue vault of heaven above them. Only fifty years ago, a short, a very short period as time is measured,—on this very spot where to-day the Grand Lodge has been holding its Annual Communication, on this very spot where this building stands,—the smoke from the Indian's tepee, mingled with that from the log-cabins of the white settlers, could be seen wafting its way over treetops and valleys.

What a marvelous change has been wrought in less than half a century! Our own Grand Lodge came into existence in 1853, through the action of St. John's, No. 1, Cataract, No. 2, and St. Paul, No. 3.

Strong and deep were laid its foundations; they have never crumbled nor decayed. Upon those foundations have arisen two hundred and thirty or more subordinate Lodges, the Masonic homes of which may be seen dotting the prairies and nestling among the woodlands of our great North Star State. With watchful eye and with zealous care the Grand Lodge has always cherished them. Many a worthy and needy Mason has seen her soothing hand stretched forth to succor him, and the widow and the orphan of his brother blest. May it ever be so until time shall be no more.

And yet there is work enough for each Mason to attempt. Selfishness, intemperance, and immorality still exist. Our services are still in demand to suppress them. Are we equal to the task? If so, what a moral power, making for righteousness, Masonry may yet become! Then, in the future as in the past, will the Grand Lodge of Minnesota prosper, and we shall be forever assured that our Venerable Brethren, the pioneer Masons who so ably assisted in laying the foundations and in maintaining the prestige of our beloved Institution had not labored in vain. Then will Masonry exist until the glorious doctrine of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man shall pervade the whole earth!

May God's richest blessing rest upon our Grand Lodge!

Brother William Clark Allen, Past Grand Master of South Dakota, and an active member of this Association, favored the Brethren with a brief account of the founding of the Masonic Veteran Association of that state. He said he had actively engaged in the work after his election to this Association in 1900, and that the new Association's constitution and ideals were closely patterned on that of Minnesota.

Notwithstanding the maxim, *Accusare nemo se debet*, the President as a member of the Association roundly censures the President in his official capacity for neglecting to provide a stenographer to record the next address on the program,

THE XX. CENTURY,

by our Venerable Brother, the Rev. Samuel G. Smith, D.D., of the People's Church, St. Paul. Hence it is impossible to present a full report. The address was full of hope, however, and based upon the wonderful development of the past century. The speaker, by methods of "political arithmetic," as he said, predicted a future so glowing as to satisfy the utmost patriotic aspirations. Dr. Smith believed also that it would be as notable for its intellectual and spiritual advance as the nineteenth century had been for economic and industrial achievements. He quoted the experiments of Dr. Flechziz, the great German scientist, who has by his brain researches shown that there is demonstrated a place in human experience for the doctrine of the

immortality of the soul. In the opening of the address he paid a tribute to the memory of Queen Victoria full of appreciation for all her womanly virtues, and then hailed the new king as the "First of Masons." In this connection he called attention to the fact that the three nations—Germany, England, and the United States—in which Masonry had the largest liberty and was the most honored, were precisely the three nations in whose strength and responsibility lay the destinies of the whole world.

By common consent of all who had the privilege of hearing it, it was pronounced the most eloquent and finished address ever made before a Masonic audience in Minnesota. For thirty minutes the Veterans were held "spell-bound" by the words of prophesy which unfolded the promises of the opening century. As one gray-haired Veteran expressed it, "I came upwards of a hundred and fifty miles to attend the Association, and, on account of bodily infirmities and the cold, sorely against my better judgment, but Dr. Smith's address has more than repaid me for the risk and trouble, and, above all, it has given me food for thought for many a month to come."

For the first time in the history of the Association our Proceedings have gone to press without a historical paper. The brother to whom this duty was assigned failed to appear in person, nor was his paper ready to be presented and read by the Secretary. At the last moment, and practically without any notice, the President called upon the Venerable Chaplain to fill up the time, giving him the choice of any subject "that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

The subject was a broad one. The suddenness of the call was embarrassing, but the Reverend Chaplain was equal to the occasion. He delighted his audience with remarks full of wit and pathos, and proved himself a Past Grand Master in the art of after-dinner speaking as well as of "the Royal Art."

The paper on

FRONTIER FREEMASONRY.

by William J. Munro of Morris, was read in his absence by his brother, John C. Munro of St. Cloud:

Venerable Brother President and Venerable Brethren:

If you would realize your ideal of Freemasonry in all that the word implies, in a social, congenial, and fraternal sense, you must mingle with the members of the Order on the frontiers of civilization or in similar isolated spheres of life. This conclusion is not based on conjecture, but on the rough and rugged experience of one whose cosmopolitan tastes have made of him a seafaring and wayfaring man

for almost a third of a century. I might remark in parenthesis that in this space of time one is entitled to form an opinionated conviction; hence this assertive premise.

I insist, therefore, that to know Freemasonry as we would and should know it, we must go into the towns and hamlets or sparsely settled regions of the frontier, or out into the more remote places where an occasional Lodge may be found; or, better still, we must mingle with the members of the Craft as they are found among those who form the vanguard of civilization. It is in such places, and among such people, that we may fully appreciate what the bond of Masonry implies, for there a right spirit is ever rife, fraternal zeal is ever manifested, and the brethren with whom we may meet and confer seem to comprehend more of the principles of Masonry than those in the centers of population and in thickly settled places, and to apply its precepts in every relation of life, business and social, as well as fraternal.

In stating that there is more of the social and congenial in the rural Lodges and among the members of the Craft in the regions characterized as "wild and wooly;" in asserting that there is more of kindness and hospitality among these brethren; in insisting that the tenets of the profession are, as a rule, better practiced in the daily walks and relations of frontier life, I but maintain the practical demonstration of a long experience.

If a moralizing digression is permissible, I may say that the institution of Freemasonry, like that of society, is but an aggregation of individuals; hence all depends on that which each unit does or leaves undone. Just think, you who have ready access to a Lodge room, of having to ride or drive from five to ten miles to attend a Stated or Special Communication, and imagine if you can the Masonic zeal and interest which inspires those brethren who never miss in attendance, no matter what weather may prevail. I know brethren, whose names are on the roll of this Veteran Association who would answer in the affirmative if asked if they were guilty of such eager and loyal endeavor.

I know a couple of veteran Craftsmen who more than once have driven over a hundred miles, going and coming, in order that their Lodge might be represented at the sessions of the Grand Lodge, and I also know of a resident Past Grand Master in the Saintly City, where our sessions are held, whose ambition was so surfeited by his preferment that he was not equal to the effort of a walk of four blocks to attend the Annual Communication.

By the way, I also know a member of this Association who by virtue of his judicial position drops the initials which precede and signs a "J" after his name, who may add the letters "P. G. M." as a Masonic title, more than once lead a foraging committee to convenient woodpiles for fuel with which to keep the Lodge room warm

while the degrees were being conferred. Another zealous brother, who is within hearing, and who never allows an Annual Communication to escape him at every Lodge meeting where refreshments are served, and this is the rule rather than the exception, always provides a "jug" heaping full of any liquid from cream to hard cider as a supplement to the eatables provided by the Lodge.

But, you may ask, what have such incidents to do with the topic? Well, they go to show the freedom from all that foments discord and the harmony of interest which prevails in the country Lodge. They also demonstrate how much there is of the social and congenial phase.

Then, in the benevolent as well as in the social aspect, the Lodge and the Mason on the frontier come closer to living up to the principles and tenets of the Order than does the average urban or semi-urban brother. In trouble or in trial, in sorrow or in affliction, the frontier Mason comes very near to the ideal in the performance of Masonic duty and obligation. The fraternal chain, being short and its links few, plays some part in stimulating the Masonic spirit to deeds of charity and benevolence, although this is not the principal and inspiring motive. No, indeed! The incentive to do that which as Masons we are pledged to perform is awake and living, not sleeping or dead, in the heart of hearts of the frontier Craftsman.

It is not the purpose to extol frontier Masonry at the expense of the Craft elsewhere. It is the object, rather, to show, though in a rambling and incoherent way, that, after a long and varied experience, no more impressive or pleasant recollections abide than those of the many hours spent in the society and companionship of the Fraternity in the more remote places of the earth. I have never found on the door of a country Lodge a sign, "Banquet to-night, no visitors admitted," like one that once stared me in the face when about to visit a Lodge in one of our great Eastern cities.

In conclusion, I would say that in very, very few places on the frontier do we meet with a Masonically dead brother, a Lodge afflicted with dry rot, or the Order languishing. In fact, wherever dwelling, on prairie, plain, foothill, or mountain, and from thence to sundown, the average frontier Mason in his daily life exemplifies to the world, as to his brethren, the beauty, worth and symmetry of our time-honored Institution.

The reasons why the frontier Lodge, and I use the word frontier in a broad sense, is more to its members, and why the members have a greater reverence and regard for the principles and landmarks of the Order, are due in part to well-known causes. Differences in environment and lack of counter attractions, and that the frontier Lodge is not so often made the stepping-stone to the so-called higher degrees, will account in part for the distinction made; but only in part, for there is something in the character of the frontier Craftsmen, as in that of the frontiersman, that is distinguishing and unique.

The usual number of regrets from our honorary members and officers of kindred organizations were received.

On motion, the Proceedings were directed to be printed and distributed as heretofore.

Receipts for the evening, from eight petitioners, were \$40.

Adjourned.

HENRY MINER TUSLER,
Acting Secretary.

NOTICE.

The active members of this Association shall be composed of Master Masons in good standing and of twenty-one years of Masonic age, resident in Minnesota or members of a Minnesota Lodge, who may petition to become such. The admission fee for active members is five dollars. This includes the badge and certificate of membership. There are no annual dues. Honorary membership without fee is granted to any Minnesota Mason in good standing who has been a Master Mason for fifty years. Election to membership occurs at intervals during the year. Blank petitions may be obtained by addressing Giles W. Merrill, Secretary, 669 Laurel Ave., or the President, 110 West Fourth St., St. Paul.

Including the members elected since January 1, 1901, there are now, Feb. 1, 1901, 343 active members and 24 honorary members, a total of 367 members, as per the following list:

ROSTER OF MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

Certificate Number.	NAMES.	RESIDENCE. (Minnesota.)	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	PRESENT LODGE MEMBERSHIP.		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
1	George Reuben Metcalf.....	St. Paul.....	July 11, 1870	Founder.....	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
2	Henry Ladd Carver*.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 21, 1887	Founder.....	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
3	Benjamin Franklin Farmer.....	Spring Valley.....	Mar. 24, 1887	Founder.....	Spring Valley.....	53	Minn.
4	Milton Emery Powell.....	Redwood Falls.....	April 27, 1887	Founder.....	Antiquity.....	91	Minn.
5	Giles William Merrill.....	St. Paul.....	Oct. 31, 1880	Founder.....	Summit.....	163	Minn.
6	William Henry Sterling Wright.....	St. Paul.....	May 5, 1870	Founder.....	Summit.....	163	Minn.
7	Luther Zoon Rogers*.....	Waterville.....	Sept. 14, 1888	Founder.....	Sakatah.....	32	Minn.
8	Daniel B. Smith.....	Austin.....	July 21, 1884	Founder.....	Fidelity.....	39	Minn.
9	Samuel Emery Adams.....	Minneapolis.....	Nov. 3, 1883	Founder.....	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
10	Alphonso Barto*.....	St. Cloud.....	Nov. 16, 1861	Founder.....	Star in the West.....	60	Minn.
11	Joseph Hayes Thompson.....	Minneapolis.....	Nov. 10, 1886	Founder.....	Minneapolis.....	19	Minn.
12	Philip Small Harris.....	St. Paul.....	July 1, 1866	Founder.....	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
13	Dwight Mejer Baldwin.....	Red Wing.....	April 6, 1866	Founder.....	Red Wing.....	8	Minn.
14	John H. La Vaque.....	Duluth.....	Jan. 29, 1870	Founder.....	Palatine.....	79	Minn.
15	Walter Van Brunt.....	Duluth.....	Feb. 25, 1869	Founder.....	Palatine.....	103	Minn.
16	Daniel H. Moon.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 16, 1870	Founder.....	Summit.....	211	Ill.
17	Richard Thomas Flournoy*.....	St. Paul.....	Jan. 24, 1868	Founder.....	Cleveland.....	3	Minn.
18	Oscar Mack Metcalf.....	Austin.....	May 8, 1869	Founder.....	St. Paul.....	39	Minn.
19	Charles L. West.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 23, 1869	Dec. 3, 1892	Fidelity.....	3	Minn.
20	Israel Bernard Baldwin Sprague.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 9, 1863	Dec. 3, 1892	Ancient Landmark	3	Minn.
21	Edward Corning.....	St. Paul.....	May 9, 1869	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
22	Henry Levi Williams.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Jan. 15, 1869	Dec. 3, 1892	Summit.....	163	Minn.
23	John Wheeler Leavitt Corning.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 16, 1861	Dec. 3, 1892	Ancient Landmark	27	Minn.
24	Andrew C. Dunn.....	Winnebago City.....	July 28, 1864	Dec. 3, 1892	Blue Earth Valley.....	27	Minn.
25	Charles Eaton.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 10, 1870	Jan. 10, 1893	Winona.....	15	Minn.
26	Robert Laird McCormick.....	Hayward, Wis.....	Feb. 10, 1870	Jan. 10, 1893	Tuscan.....	3	Minn.
27	Benjamin Withereil Brunson*.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 4, 1861	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
28	Russell Carlton Munger.....	St. Paul.....	April 3, 1869	Jan. 10, 1893	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
29	George N. La Vaque.....	Duluth.....	Feb. 8, 1871	Jan. 10, 1893	Palatine.....	79	Minn.
30	Alexander Schultz.....	St. Paul.....	April 6, 1859	Jan. 10, 1893	Palatine.....	79	Minn.
31	Jean Conrad Fischer*.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 19, 1859	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
32	William Bickel.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 20, 1853	Jan. 10, 1893	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
33	William Henry Grant.....	St. Paul.....	May 6, 1855	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.
34	James C. Morrison.....	St. Paul.....	May 6, 1855	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.....	3	Minn.

36	William Pitt Murray	St. Paul.	10, 1893	St. Paul.	3	Minn.
37	William Alonzo Van Slyke	St. Paul.	Jan. 10, 1893	St. Paul.	3	Minn.
38	Edwin Searle Beck	St. Paul.	Jan. 10, 1893	Summit.	163	Minn.
39	William Franklin Dickinson	Redwood Falls.	Jan. 10, 1893	Antiquity	91	Minn.
40	Thomas Montgomery	St. Paul.	Aug. 15, 1893	Nicollet	54	Minn.
41	Edward Henry Milham	St. Paul.	Jan. 10, 1893	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
42	Daniel Shell	Worthington	Jan. 10, 1893	Fraternity	101	Minn.
43	Isaac P. Durfee	St. Paul.	Oct. 29, 1893	Fraternity	101	Minn.
44	Christopher H. Smith*	St. Paul.	Jan. 11, 1893	Fraternity	101	Minn.
45	Edward W. Durant	St. Paul.	Jan. 11, 1893	St. Johns	1	Minn.
46	Cyrus G. Holden	Stillwater	Jan. 11, 1893	Meridian	56	Minn.
47	William Tuttle Rigby	Chafield	Jan. 11, 1893	Clearwater	28	Minn.
48	Andrew Milne	Winnebago City	Feb. 6, 1893	King Earth Valley	27	Minn.
49	Harrison G. Peck	Shakopee	Oct. 25, 1893	King Solomon	44	Minn.
50	William Solon Mellen*	St. Paul.	Jan. 11, 1893	Covenant	24	Minn.
51	Peter Stainforth Macgowan	St. Paul.	Aug. 4, 1893	Golden Rule	526	Ill.
52	William Fletcher Bailey	St. Paul.	Nov. 9, 1893	St. Paul.	65	Minn.
53	Abel Cox	West Duluth	Dec. 12, 1893	Ancient Landmark	8	Minn.
54	Roscoe F. Hersey	Le Sueur	Nov. 17, 1893	Union	5	Minn.
55	Jonathan Tibbets Furbur	St. Paul.	Oct. 1, 1893	St. Johns	45	Minn.
56	William Henry Bentley	Madelia	Oct. 4, 1893	Madella	1	Minn.
57	John Henry Low	Grand Meadow	Feb. 15, 1893	Grand Meadow	66	Minn.
58	William E. Baker	Slayton	Nov. 11, 1893	Murray	121	Minn.
59	Alonzo Brandenburg	Redwood Falls	May 10, 1893	Antiquity	199	Minn.
60	John Jay Rhodes	Fergus Falls	July 17, 1893	Cornet Stone	99	Minn.
61	Solon Armstrong	St. Paul.	Dec. 17, 1893	Mount Moriah	35	Minn.
62	Sheldon Lord Frazer	Minneapolis	April 16, 1893	Cataract	2	Minn.
63	Orville Gilbert Miller*	Duluth	May 22, 1893	Ionic	186	Minn.
64	Charles Brust	New Ulm	Aug. 27, 1893	St. Paul.	8	Minn.
65	John Niven	St. Paul.	Oct. 14, 1893	Charity	98	Minn.
66	Lyssander Cook	Good Thunder	Oct. 2, 1893	Ancient Landmark	76	Minn.
67	Ambrose La Due	Appleton	Sept. 10, 1893	Joppa	11	Minn.
68	Ambrose D. Countriman	Appleton	Jan. 11, 1893	Appleton	137	Minn.
69	Chester Goss Higbee	St. Paul.	Jan. 30, 1893	Blue Earth City	57	Minn.
70	George D. McArthur	St. Paul.	July 15, 1893	Blue Earth City	57	Minn.
71	John M. Richter	St. James	July 26, 1893	Libanus	96	Minn.
72	John M. Thornton	Taylor Falls	Sept. 16, 1893	Red Wing	9	Minn.
73	William S. Dedon	Lead, S. D.	April 17, 1893	Zion	65	Minn.
74	Robert Holgate	Excelsior	Feb. 5, 1893	St. Paul.	113	Minn.
75	Orrin C. Meaker	Excelsior	April 17, 1893	Excelsior	113	Minn.
76	Adam Finck	Duluth	April 5, 1893	Ancient Landmark	6	Minn.
77	John Richard Carey	Duluth	April 5, 1893	Palestine	79	Minn.
78	John Savage Noble	Excelsior	Dec. 27, 1893	Kodakya	153	Minn.
79	Benjamin Ash Provost	Excelsior	May 1, 1893	Trinne	190	Minn.
80	Romaine S. Eire	Grafton, N. D.	Oct. 19, 1893	St. Paul.	8	Minn.

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82	Ira Martin Swartz.	Washington, D. C.	Aug. 16, 1867	May 1, 1893	Story.	4	Utah.
83	Julius Henry Burwell.	St. Paul.	Feb. 15, 1872	May 1, 1893	Summit.	163	Minn.
84	Delos Abram Monfort*.	St. Paul.	Feb. 8, 1857	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
85	Archie Guthrie.	St. Paul.	Jan. 29, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	St. Paul.	3	Minn.
86	William Parker Jewett.	St. Paul.	Mch. 21, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
87	John Winthrop Eddy.	Morris.	Dec. 2, 1872	Jan. 1, 1894	Golden Sheaf.	133	Minn.
88	William F. Mowatt*.	Minneapolis.	May 31, 1865	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin.	4	Minn.
89	George Zeller.	Minneapolis.	Feb. 1, 1870	Jan. 1, 1894	Hennepin.	4	Minn.
90	Aaron Pearson Cameron	St. Paul.	Aug. 24, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
91	Isaac Phillips Wright.	St. Paul.	Aug. 24, 1869	Jan. 1, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
92	Neville Staughton*.	Winona.	Feb. 18, 1860	Jan. 9, 1894	Winona.	18	Minn.
93	Benjamin John Knapp.	St. Paul.	Oct. 4, 1870	Jan. 9, 1894	St. Paul.	3	Minn.
94	Joseph Bergfeld.	St. Paul.	Sept. 7, 1864	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
95	Isaac Bower.	St. Paul.	Nov. 11, 1869	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
96	George Hunsaker.	St. Paul.	May 18, 1871	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
97	Nathan Kingsley.	Austin.	July 16, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
98	Robert S. Miles.	Glencoe.	July 20, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Meridian.	56	Minn.
99	Albert J. Snure.	Hokah.	May 5, 1868	Jan. 9, 1894	Hope.	42	Minn.
100	John Hutton.	Windom.	Jan. 15, 1872	Jan. 9, 1894	Hokah.	17	Minn.
101	James Francis Tostevin.	St. Paul.	May 24, 1869	Jan. 9, 1894	Prudence.	97	Minn.
102	George Adelbert Blair*.	Waterville.	Oct. 2, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
103	Henry R. Wells (/)	Preston.	Feb. 21, 1866	Jan. 9, 1894	Sakatah.	32	Minn.
104	Edward Phelps Barnum.	St. Cloud.	Feb. 27, 1867	Jan. 9, 1894	Preston.	36	Minn.
105	Loren Warren Collins.	St. Cloud.	Feb. 27, 1867	Jan. 11, 1894	Star in the West.	60	Minn.
106	Clark Keyser.	Mankato.	Jan. 17, 1863	Jan. 11, 1894	North Star.	23	Minn.
107	Charles W. Burdic.	Owatonna.	May 19, 1869	Jan. 11, 1894	Mankato.	12	Minn.
108	William Thomas Rich.	St. Paul.	Mch. 14, 1870	Jan. 11, 1894	Star in the East.	33	Minn.
109	Charles C. Goodnow.	Pipestone.	Feb. 2, 1872	Jan. 11, 1894	Midway.	185	Minn.
110	Hiram De Esten Brown.	St. Paul.	Nov. 19, 1872	Jan. 11, 1894	Quarry.	148	Minn.
111	W. Milton Selby.	La Crescent.	Dec. 28, 1869	Jan. 11, 1894	Summit.	163	Minn.
112	Robert Bruce Langdon*.	La Crescent.	Dec. 10, 1860	Jan. 11, 1894	Morning Star.	29	Minn.
113	Thomas Minshall.	Minneapolis.	Jan. 7, 1850	Feb. 10, 1894	Khurum.	112	Minn.
114	George Russell Babbitt.	Osakis.	June 27, 1866	April 13, 1894	Morning Star.	29	Minn.
115	Charles Frederick Mahler*.	St. Paul.	Feb. 10, 1859	April 13, 1894	Osakis.	130	Minn.
116					Summit.	163	Minn.

117	George William Seymour.	Taylor Falls.	Jan. 7, 1863	April 13, 1894	Zion.	155	Minn.
118	William Parker Brown.	Minneapolis.	Dec. 9, 1857	April 13, 1894	Red Wing.	8	Minn.
119	Eben Lovering.	Minneapolis.	July 18, 1865	April 13, 1894	Carroll.	57	N. H.
120	John H. Sutherland.	Detroit.	May 6, 1857	June 8, 1895	Mount Tabor.	106	Minn.
121	Andrew Peter Swanson.	St. Paul.	Nov. 6, 1873	Jan. 8, 1895	Ancient Landmark.	493	Ohio.
122	Watson Eugene Bonifoy.	St. Paul.	April 16, 1870	Jan. 8, 1895	Walnut Hills.	232	Minn.
123	William Cox.	Graceville.	Jan. 7, 1868	Jan. 8, 1895	Friendship.	168	Minn.
124	Joseph Eugene McWilliams.	Webb City, Mo.	June 13, 1867	Jan. 8, 1895	Summit.	5	Minn.
125	Robert Armstrong Smith.	St. Paul.	Dec. 12, 1866	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark.	44	Minn.
126	Isaac Lincoln.	St. Paul.	Jan. 25, 1872	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon.	5	Minn.
127	Frederick Richter*.	St. Paul.	Mch. 30, 1865	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark.	133	Minn.
128	John House.	Morris.	April 24, 1866	Jan. 15, 1895	Golden Sheaf.	389	N. Y.
129	Jonathan D. Sprague.	St. Paul.	Dec. 8, 1873	Jan. 15, 1895	Murray.	5	Minn.
130	Lathrop E. Reed.	St. Paul.	April 2, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
131	Alexander Donald.	St. Paul.	Mch. 18, 1868	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark.	8	Minn.
132	Edward Seymour Baldwin.	Columbus, O.	April 1, 1871	Jan. 15, 1895	St. Paul.	166	Minn.
133	Oscar Fitzallen Bardwell.	White Bear.	Feb. 9, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Garnet.	142	Minn.
134	John Fairfield Stone.	Pine City.	Jan. 8, 1865	Jan. 15, 1895	Jasper.	17	Minn.
135	Neil Currie.	Currie.	Dec. 16, 1864	Jan. 15, 1895	Currie.	101	Minn.
136	John Robert Storr.	St. Paul.	Oct. 13, 1871	Jan. 15, 1895	Hokah.	40	Minn.
137	Levi T. Lyon.	Hokah.	May 21, 1867	Jan. 15, 1895	Ancient Landmark.	7	Minn.
138	Benjamin Franklin Thurber.	Worthington.	Mch. 16, 1872	Jan. 16, 1895	Fraternity.	163	Minn.
139	Clarence Adelbert Hubbard.	Lake City.	Jan. 8, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Carnelian.	151	Minn.
140	Irving Todd.	Hastings.	Jan. 13, 1864	Jan. 16, 1895	Dakota.	203	Minn.
141	William L. Humason.	Stewartville.	Oct. 1, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Stewartville.	153	Minn.
142	Henry M. Tusler.	St. Paul.	April 29, 1869	Jan. 16, 1895	Summit.	212	Minn.
143	William Harwood Carter.	Brown Valley.	June 11, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Chaska.	45	Minn.
144	John Sutherland.	Chaska.	Dec. 29, 1870	Jan. 16, 1895	Hallock.	83	Minn.
145	Thomas Chase Shapleigh.	Moorehead.	Sept. 13, 1853	Jan. 16, 1895	Union.	163	Minn.
146	Francis Cadwell.	Le Sueur.	Mch. 9, 1867	Jan. 17, 1895	Huram Abi.	5	Minn.
147	Jared Gage Wheeler.	Kasson.	Jan. 9, 1868	Jan. 24, 1895	Summit.	209	Minn.
148	Henry Orme.	Crookston.	April 11, 1867	Mch. 30, 1895	Sibley.	141	Minn.
149	Charles Henry Mix.	Winthrop.	Feb. 12, 1867	Mch. 30, 1895	Crookston.	8	Minn.
150	Alfred S. Dimond.	Crookston.	Mch. 24, 1864	Mch. 30, 1895	Red Wing.	100	Minn.
151	James Henry Thomas*.	Red Wing.	Aug. 9, 1873	Aug. 8, 1895	Aurora.	137	Minn.
152	James Cotter Hawes.	Brainerd.	Sept. 15, 1872	Dec. 28, 1895	Vermillion.	8	Minn.
153	George Forsyth.	Brainerd.	May 15, 1874	Dec. 28, 1895	Red Wing.	86	N. J.
154	John Taylor Frater.	Tower.	Dec. 15, 1858	Dec. 28, 1895	St. Paul.	119	Minn.
155	Elisha Morcom.	St. Paul.	May 7, 1869	Dec. 28, 1895	Mansfield.	112	Wis.
156	Andrew Allen.	St. Paul.	April 1, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Aurora.	80	N. J.
157	William Cole Ashton.	U. S. Army.	Mch. 8, 1864	Jan. 14, 1896	Delta.	119	Minn.
158	James Madison Johnston Sanno.	Brainerd.	June 24, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Eau Claire.	112	Wis.
159	George Albert Keene.	Marshall.	Oct. 26, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
160	Silas N. Harrington.	St. Paul.	Sept. 7, 1874	Jan. 14, 1896			
161	John Dudley Condit.	St. Paul.	Mch. 4, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896			
162	Max Frankel.	St. Paul.					

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					Lodge.	No. State.
163	Thomas Jefferson Lombard (/)	Hudson, Wis.	Dec. 10, 1851	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon.	44 Minn.
164	John F. Humiston	Heron Lake	April 22, 1867	Jan. 14, 1896	Columbia.	210 Minn.
165	Daniel Watson Pond	St. Paul.	—, 1855	Jan. 14, 1896	St. Paul.	3 Minn.
166	David Hanna.	White Bear Lake.	Mch. 3, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Garnet.	166 Minn.
167	William J. Munro.	Morris.	Oct. 7, 1871	Jan. 14, 1896	Golden Sheaf.	133 Minn.
168	Jos. Merritt Underwood.	Lake City.	Mch. 14, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Carnelian.	40 Minn.
169	John W. Kennedy	Lake City.	Jan. 29, 1868	Jan. 14, 1896	Carnelian.	40 Minn.
170	Samuel R. Van Sant.	Winona.	Mch. 29, 1869	Jan. 14, 1896	Winona.	18 Minn.
171	William C. Williston	Red Wing.	Sept. 6, 1861	Jan. 14, 1896	Red Wing.	8 Minn.
172	Henry Hinkins.	St. Paul.	Dec. 20, 1862	Jan. 15, 1896	St. Paul.	3 Minn.
173	George W. Ballard.	Dodge Center	Nov. 1, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Relief.	108 Minn.
174	Francis B. Hubbard.	St. Paul.	Jan. 4, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Anchor.	81 Minn.
175	Alexander Fiddes.	Kasson.	July 22, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Hiram Abi.	83 Minn.
176	James Jenks.	Jackson.	June 28, 1852	Jan. 15, 1896	Good Faith.	90 Minn.
177	Henry P. Constans	St. Cloud.	Aug. 8, 1861	Jan. 15, 1896	Clear Water.	28 Minn.
178	Thomas Cox.	Blue Earth City	Feb. 5, 1872	Jan. 15, 1896	Blue Earth City.	57 Minn.
179	William Strafford.	Minneapolis.	Dec. 31, 1868	Jan. 15, 1896	Meridian.	165 Minn.
180	Hugh E. Grant	Chatfield.	Dec. 10, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	Ancient Landmark	56 Minn.
181	Augustus Smith	St. Paul.	Sept. 28, 1860	Jan. 15, 1896	Illustrious	5 Minn.
182	Walter Birch.	Plainview	Oct. 21, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Faribault.	9 Minn.
183	Peter J. Schwarz	Faribault.	June 3, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Hiram Abi.	83 Minn.
184	Oscar L. Cutter.	Anoka.	Sept. 30, 1871	Jan. 15, 1896	Anoka.	30 Minn.
185	Alex. Newell Hayes.	Duluth.	Sept. 23, 1873	Jan. 15, 1896	Catact.	3 Minn.
186	Robert Forbes.	St. Paul.	Oct. 22, 1874	Jan. 15, 1896	Catact.	23 Minn.
187	John Charles Munro.	St. Cloud.	Sept. 8, 1863	Jan. 15, 1896	North Star.	2 Minn.
188	Henry Rockwood Denny (/)	St. Paul.	Oct. 22, 1866	Jan. 15, 1896	Carver.	111 Minn.
189	William Lossing	Howard Lake.	Sept. 8, 1873	Jan. 16, 1896	Howard.	82 Minn.
190	Alonzo James Burningham.	St. Paul.	Oct. 10, 1872	Sept. 23, 1896	Ancient Landmark	5 Minn.
191	Bowne Gershon Yates.	St. Paul.	Dec. 15, 1866	Sept. 23, 1896	Madelia.	66 Minn.
192	Francis Marion Hester.	Morris.	Aug. 21, 1859	Dec. 31, 1896	Golden Sheaf.	133 Minn.
193	Owen Thomas Swett	Minneapolis.	Feb. 21, 1859	Dec. 31, 1896	Catact.	2 Minn.
194	Isaac Leggett Hart	Pipestone.	Nov. 2, 1871	Dec. 31, 1896	Quarry.	148 Minn.
195	James Martin Paine.*	Carlton.	April 15, 1864	Dec. 31, 1896	Minneapolis.	19 Minn.
196	Thomas Henry Sherry	St. Paul.	Dec. 17, 1866	Dec. 31, 1896	Capital City.	217 Minn.

198	James William Busby	St. Paul	Nov. 20, 1873	Dec. 31, 1886	Capital City	217	Minn.
199	Frederick William Dohm	St. Paul	Dec. 12, 1872	Dec. 31, 1886	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
200	Edgar Swartwout Dudley	U. S. Army	Aug. 30, 1868	Jan. 12, 1887	Lincoln	19	Neb.
201	George Washington Carpenter	Minneapolis	Oct. 17, 1862	Jan. 12, 1887	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
202	Daniel Douglas	Minneapolis	Nov. 23, 1874	Jan. 12, 1887	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
203	Charles Edward Kent	Minneapolis	Aug. 19, 1873	Jan. 12, 1887	Minneapolis	4	Minn.
204	Edward Martin*	Minneapolis	Nov. 19, 1870	Jan. 12, 1887	Hennepin	83	Minn.
205	George Benton Arnold	Minneapolis	Sept. 4, 1866	Jan. 12, 1887	Hiram A. B.	100	Minn.
206	Napoleon Bonaparte Chase	Brainerd	Dec. 18, 1867	Jan. 12, 1887	Aurora	100	Minn.
207	Andrew Eliotte Veon	Brainerd	Feb. 27, 1864	Jan. 12, 1887	Aurora	50	Minn.
208	John Fairfield Perry	Minneapolis	April 27, 1864	Jan. 12, 1887	Aurora	133	Minn.
209	Dolphus Goff Linsley	Morris	June 21, 1865	Jan. 12, 1887	Golden Sheaf	210	Maine
210	Chas. Roderick Judson Kellam	Heron Lake	Sept. 28, 1854	Jan. 12, 1887	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
211	John Carl Terry	St. Paul	May 25, 1873	Jan. 12, 1887	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
212	John Park Lester	St. Paul	May 25, 1873	Jan. 12, 1887	Canby	147	Minn.
213	Jerry Everett Getman	Minneapolis	Sept. 25, 1869	Jan. 12, 1887	Relief	108	Minn.
214	Hugh McMurtie	Mankato	Sept. 25, 1869	Jan. 12, 1887	Mankato	12	Minn.
215	Ezra Cary Pratt	Minneapolis	April 2, 1862	Jan. 12, 1887	Catact	2	Minn.
216	Moses Philpot Hayes	Minneapolis	June 30, 1864	Jan. 12, 1887	Catact	2	Minn.
217	James M. D. Craft	Farmington	June 30, 1864	Jan. 12, 1887	Corinthian	67	Minn.
218	George Hugh Munro	Morris	June 4, 1875	Jan. 12, 1887	Golden Sheaf	133	Minn.
219	William Edwin Burton*	St. Paul	July 22, 1875	Jan. 12, 1887	Ancient Landmark	18	Minn.
220	Ruthius Britt Basford	Winona	Jan. 23, 1861	Jan. 12, 1887	Winona	18	Minn.
221	Phineas Sylvester Rudolph	Annandale	Jan. 23, 1861	Jan. 12, 1887	Fair Haven	182	Minn.
222	Edwin Joseph Hodges	Minneapolis	April 23, 1873	Jan. 12, 1887	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
223	Lauchlin Joseph Hart	St. Paul	Dec. 2, 1875	Jan. 12, 1887	Braden	168	Minn.
224	Leroy George Basford	Austin	July 23, 1864	Jan. 12, 1887	Fidelity	32	Minn.
225	Alexander Adams	St. Paul	July 23, 1864	Jan. 12, 1887	Midway	182	Minn.
226	Wm. Dalton Cornish	St. Paul	July 1, 1875	Jan. 12, 1887	Ancient Landmark	132	Minn.
227	Calvin Luther Brown	Morris	July 1, 1875	Jan. 12, 1887	Golden Sheaf	132	Minn.
228	Henry Pratt Uppan	St. Paul	May 23, 1876	Jan. 12, 1887	Ancient Landmark	100	Minn.
229	Newton McFadden*	Brainerd	Oct. 16, 1874	Jan. 12, 1887	Aurora	191	Minn.
230	Abraham D. Moe	South St. Paul	May 4, 1862	Jan. 12, 1887	Minneapolis	191	Minn.
231	Geo. W. Coburn	Minneapolis	May 17, 1867	Nov. 27, 1887	Catact	9	Minn.
232	Henry H. Fuller	St. Paul	June 27, 1865	Dec. 31, 1887	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
233	Charles John Kruger	St. Paul	June 27, 1865	Dec. 31, 1887	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
234	Joseph Ormond Patee	St. Paul	Jan. 13, 1873	Dec. 31, 1887	Hennepin	5	Minn.
235	Issac A. Grant	St. Paul	Sept. 13, 1873	Dec. 31, 1887	Ancient Landmark	57	Minn.
236	Simcon P. Child	St. Paul	Sept. 13, 1873	Dec. 31, 1887	Stue Earth City	171	Minn.
237	William H. Burns*	St. Paul	Mch. 20, 1868	Jan. 11, 1888	Relief	108	Minn.
238	Oliver H. Phillips	Dodge Center	July 1, 1871	Jan. 11, 1888	Relief	40	Minn.
239	Henry Albert Young	Lake City	Mch. 23, 1876	Jan. 11, 1888	Nantowoc	40	Wis.
240	Jacob Flieger	St. Paul	Sept. 23, 1875	Jan. 11, 1888	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
241	Calvin Siler Ulfine	St. Paul	June 8, 1870	Jan. 11, 1888	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
242	John Conrad Nelson	St. Paul	June 8, 1870	Jan. 11, 1888	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.

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					Lodge.	No.	State.
244	Thomas Camp Porter	Clearwater	Mch. 11, 1865	Jan. 11, 1898	Clear Wat.	28	Minn.
245	Harry Edward Whitney	Faribault	May 5, 1876	Jan. 11, 1898	Faribault	-9	Minn.
246	Livingston Quackenbush	Le Sueur	June 2, 1865	Jan. 11, 1898	Union	45	Minn.
247	James Dewar	Brainerd	Nov. 5, 1875	Jan. 11, 1898	Aurora	100	Minn.
248	Samuel Edward Leonard	St. Paul	Mch. 17, 1875	Jan. 11, 1898	Capital City	217	Minn.
249	George A. Brown	Minneapolis	Feb. 26, 1863	Jan. 11, 1898	Hennepin	4	Minn.
250	Levi Herz	St. Paul	April 4, 1874	Jan. 11, 1898	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
251	Joseph A. Pierson	St. Paul	Mch. 31, 1888	Jan. 11, 1898	Ancient Landmark	5	Minn.
252	James Whittaker	St. Paul	May 6, 1876	Jan. 11, 1898	St. Paul	3	Minn.
253	Wm. Fletcher Martin	Wood Lake	Oct. 6, 1865	Jan. 11, 1898	Florence	216	Minn.
254	George E. Jackson	Wheaton	Dec. 26, 1876	Jan. 11, 1898	Traverse	189	Minn.
255	John Ruyter Warner	Rock Island, Ill.	July 14, 1876	Jan. 11, 1898	Rock Island	688	Ill.
256	John Henry Sprout	Blue Earth City	Sept. 19, 1874	Jan. 12, 1898	Blue Earth City	57	Minn.
257	Bradley P. Cheney	Cheney	June 28, 1865	Jan. 12, 1898	Appleton	137	Minn.
258	George Stacy Spencer	St. Cloud	June 5, 1876	Jan. 12, 1898	North Star	23	Minn.
259	George M. Lang	Windom	May 11, 1876	Jan. 12, 1898	Prudence	97	Minn.
260	John Dennis Good	Morris	May 13, 1868	Jan. 12, 1898	Golden Sheaf	133	Minn.
261	Leonard Paulie	Minneapolis	Oct. 18, 1876	Jan. 12, 1898	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
262	Griffith R. Samuel	Minneapolis	Aug. 31, 1876	Jan. 12, 1898	Minneapolis	19	Minn.
263	Eli A. D. Sailer	Atwater	Nov. 27, 1874	Jan. 12, 1898	Orion	138	Minn.
264	Albert D. Vedder	Rochester	Jan. 31, 1869	Jan. 12, 1898	Rochester	21	Minn.
265	Jacob C. Cox	Mora	Sept. 17, 1874	Jan. 12, 1898	Sunset	109	Minn.
266	William Henry Jacoby	Minneapolis	Mch. 26, 1870	Jan. 12, 1898	Hennepin	99	Minn.
267	James Allen McConkey	Fergus Falls	Sept. 20, 1873	Jan. 12, 1898	Corner Stone	4	Minn.
268	Taylor Robinson	Money Creek	Jan. 4, 1873	Jan. 12, 1898	Orient	84	Minn.
269	John S. Nelson	Carver	Mch. 4, 1876	Jan. 12, 1898	Carver	111	Minn.
270	Charles Griswold (J)	St. Paul	May 15, 1866	Jan. 11, 1891	St. Paul	3	Minn.
271	George Washington Rockwell	Rushford	Mch. 15, 1877	Mch. 22, 1898	Mystic Star	69	Minn.
272	Clark William Gilmore	Pipestone	Mch. 18, 1877	Mch. 22, 1898	Quarry	148	Minn.
273	Elias William Mortimer	Minneapolis	Feb. 9, 1877	Mch. 22, 1898	Khuram	112	Minn.
274	William Kuf Walker	Morris	May 1, 1870	April 30, 1898	Golden Sheaf	133	Minn.
275	Bernard Thelen	Stillwater	Aug. 16, 1862	April 30, 1898	St. Johns	1	Minn.
276	Joseph Whittemore	Clearwater	Oct. 23, 1875	July 30, 1898	Clearwater	28	Minn.
277	Samuel Y. Hyde	La Crosse, Wis.	Mch. 26, 1861	Oct. 1, 1898	Rising Sun	49	Minn.
278	Samuel J. Prentiss	La Crosse, Wis.	Nov. 3	Dec. 1, 1898	Hokah	17	Minn.

279	John William Dreger.....	Minneapolis.....	1, 1872	Dec.	1, 1898	Minneapolis.....	19	Min.
280	Thomas Scott.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 9, 1865	Dec. 31, 1898	Dec. 31, 1898	Ancient Landmark	5	Min.
281	John Albert Schlener.....	Minneapolis.....	Aug. 1, 1877	Dec. 31, 1898	Dec. 31, 1898	Minneapolis.....	19	Min.
282	George Hunter.....	St. Paul.....	Feb. 16, 1875	Dec. 31, 1898	Dec. 31, 1898	Braden.....	168	Min.
283	Thomas Moore Croome.....	St. Paul.....	April 10, 1863	Jan. 10, 1899	Jan. 10, 1899	Braden.....	168	Min.
284	William Chalmers Clark.....	Stillwater.....	Feb. 9, 1877	Jan. 10, 1899	Jan. 10, 1899	St. Johns.....	1	Min.
285	Otis Staples.....	Stillwater.....	Nov. 4, 1872	Jan. 10, 1899	Jan. 10, 1899	St. Johns.....	1	Min.
286	Henry Warren Mackie.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 1, 1870	Jan. 10, 1899	Jan. 10, 1899	Shekinah.....	171	Min.
287	Charles Cushing Whitman.....	St. Paul.....	June 11, 1866	Jan. 10, 1899	Jan. 10, 1899	Fellowship.....	5	Mass.
288	William Damper.....	St. Paul.....	June 11, 1875	Jan. 10, 1899	Jan. 10, 1899	Ancient Landmark	81	Min.
289	Edwin Prince Capen.....	Minneapolis.....	Mch. 4, 1876	Jan. 11, 1899	Jan. 11, 1899	Atlantic.....	11	Maine.
290	Alvah Andrew Crampton.....	Mantorville.....	Dec. 5, 1853	Jan. 11, 1899	Jan. 11, 1899	Mantorville.....	13	Min.
291	Charles Fowler Warner.....	Mankato.....	Jan. 22, 1874	Jan. 11, 1899	Jan. 11, 1899	Mankato.....	108	Min.
292	Timothy Lynch.....	Dodge Center.....	Jan. 22, 1874	Jan. 11, 1899	Jan. 11, 1899	Relief.....	17	Min.
293	Anthony Demo.....	Hokah.....	Nov. 21, 1856	Jan. 11, 1899	Jan. 11, 1899	Hokah.....	30	Min.
294	William H. Harris.....	Caledonia.....	Nov. 21, 1856	Jan. 11, 1899	Jan. 11, 1899	Caledonia.....	9	Min.
295	Albert William Stockton.....	Faribault.....	Aug. 30, 1866	Jan. 11, 1899	Jan. 11, 1899	Faribault.....	65	Min.
296	Richard H. Boxell.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 30, 1866	Jan. 11, 1899	Jan. 11, 1899	Meridian.....	56	Min.
297	Omar Hassan Case.....	Fountain.....	July 17, 1874	Jan. 11, 1899	Jan. 11, 1899	Golden Rule.....	23	Min.
298	Mahlon Norris Gilbert *.....	St. Paul.....	April 21, 1866	Jan. 11, 1899	Jan. 11, 1899	Ancient Landmark	5	Min.
299	Thomas Tollington.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 17, 1875	Jan. 11, 1899	Jan. 11, 1899	Clearwater.....	23	Min.
300	Charles A. Chapman.....	Mankato.....	July 11, 1863	Jan. 31, 1899	Jan. 31, 1899	Mankato.....	18	Min.
301	Geo. Washington Hard.....	Preston.....	April 15, 1865	Jan. 31, 1899	Jan. 31, 1899	Preston.....	36	Min.
302	Daniel F. Mason.....	Minneapolis.....	Aug. 29, 1878	Aug. 29, 1899	Aug. 29, 1899	Ark.....	176	Min.
303	Wm. Burr Hancock.....	Morris.....	Feb. 21, 1871	Aug. 29, 1899	Aug. 29, 1899	Golden Sheaf.....	133	Min.
304	Alexander Gardner, Jr.....	St. Paul.....	June 24, 1878	Dec. 30, 1899	Dec. 30, 1899	Milwaukee.....	261	Wis.
305	John Peter Lethner.....	St. Paul.....	Nov. 23, 1875	Dec. 30, 1899	Dec. 30, 1899	Ancient Landmark	5	Min.
306	Alson Budd Foster.....	St. Paul.....	April 12, 1877	Dec. 30, 1899	Dec. 30, 1899	Ancient Landmark	5	Min.
307	Wm. Rhodes Wood.....	Brainerd.....	Feb. 27, 1874	Dec. 30, 1899	Dec. 30, 1899	Aurora.....	100	Min.
308	Geo. Withell Ames.....	Minneapolis.....	Dec. 28, 1877	Dec. 30, 1899	Dec. 30, 1899	Aurora.....	112	Min.
309	Benjamin L. Perry.....	Minneapolis.....	May 30, 1867	Dec. 30, 1899	Dec. 30, 1899	Khuran.....	4	Min.
310	John W. Moore.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 26, 1878	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	Khuran.....	56	Wis.
311	George A. Gipple.....	Tower.....	Oct. 16, 1877	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	St. Croix.....	274	Min.
312	Henry Kellow.....	Minneapolis.....	Feb. 25, 1861	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	Vermilion.....	197	Min.
313	Geo. Abbott Putnam.....	Owatonna.....	April 30, 1871	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	Minneapolis.....	112	Min.
314	Warren K. Leonard.....	Dodge Center.....	Feb. 2, 1869	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	Khuran.....	33	Min.
315	Albert Enos Higbee.....	Morris.....	Mch. 23, 1872	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	St. in-the-East.....	108	Min.
316	William H. Vinton.....	Annandale.....	Nov. 14, 1875	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	Relief.....	133	Min.
317	Frank C. Bey.....	St. Paul.....	Aug. 14, 1878	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	Golden Sheaf.....	182	Min.
318	Henry K. Kelley.....	St. Paul.....	Mch. 13, 1878	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	Fair E. ven.....	163	Min.
319	John Copeland.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 16, 1878	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	Summit.....	103	Min.
320	Robert M. Stocking.....	St. Paul.....	Dec. 16, 1867	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	Ancient Landmark	5	Min.
321	Oscar H. Hall.....	St. Paul.....	Sept. 3, 1868	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	Herman.....	41	Min.
322	Aaron Demo.....	St. Paul.....	Nov. 29, 1865	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	Prairie-du-Chien.....	106	Wis.
323	William C. Rowe.....	St. Paul.....	April 9, 1875	Jan. 16, 1900	Jan. 16, 1900	St. Paul.....	3	Min.

ROSTER OF MEMBERS OF THE MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA.

Certificate Number.	NAME.	RESIDENCE. (Minnesota.)	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	PRESENT LODGE MEMBERSHIP.		
					Lodge.	No.	State.
325	Hosea Straight Tuttle.	Minneapolis.	Aug. 8, 1865	Jan. 17, 1900	Catact.	2	Minn.
326	Dolson B. Searle.	St. Cloud.	Aug. 2, 1868	Jan. 17, 1900	Harmony.	17	D. C.
327	Gideon Sprague Ives.	St. Peter.	Aug. 4, 1871	Jan. 17, 1900	Nicollet Lodge.	64	Minn.
328	Everett Hammons *	Anoka.	May 28, 1878	Jan. 17, 1900	Anoka.	80	Minn.
329	William H. Edison.	Mantorville.	April 30, 1873	Jan. 17, 1900	Mantorville.	11	Minn.
330	Clark Stevens Latin.	Anboy.	April 17, 1877	Jan. 17, 1900	Amboy.	193	Minn.
331	William Clark Allen.	Minneapolis.	Dec. 19, 1873	Jan. 17, 1900	Groton.	65	S. D.
332	Henry A. Sauer.	Minneapolis.	Dec. 9, 1878	Jan. 17, 1900	Arcana.	187	Minn.
333	Samuel McIlwain.	Minneapolis.	Dec. 19, 1877	Jan. 17, 1900	Minnehaha.	165	Minn.
334	Samuel George Smith.	St. Paul.	May 30, 1875	Jan. 17, 1900	Great Lights.	181	Iowa
335	Frederick W. Luley.	St. Paul.	May 12, 1867	Jan. 17, 1900	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
336	William Harvey Cook.	St. Paul.	Jan. 24, 1869	Jan. 17, 1900	St. Paul.	3	Minn.
337	Wilson Ager.	Worthington.	July 15, 1876	Jan. 17, 1900	Fraternity.	101	Minn.
338	Wm. Washington Murphy.	Chatfield.	Feb. 11, 1879	Jan. 17, 1900	Meridian.	56	Minn.
339	James F. Baker.	St. Paul.	Feb. 12, 1879	Feb. 12, 1900	Mizpah.	191	Minn.
340	Thomas Yould.	St. Paul.	May 4, 1879	June 5, 1900	Shackinah.	171	Minn.
341	George William Freeman.	St. Paul.	June 14, 1872	June 1, 1900	Braden.	168	Minn.
342	Henry Ferdinand Stock.	St. Paul.	April 4, 1867	June 1, 1900	Braden.	19	Minn.
343	George M. Bennett.	Minneapolis.	Jan. 8, 1878	Dec. 31, 1900	Minneapolis.	19	Minn.
344	John Milton Moore.	Winona.	Jan. 19, 1874	Dec. 31, 1900	Hokah.	17	Minn.
345	James McClure.	St. Paul.	May 19, 1878	Dec. 31, 1900	Summit.	163	Minn.
346	William John Godfrey.	St. Paul.	April 24, 1879	Dec. 31, 1900	Ancient Landmark.	5	Minn.
347	Grier Melancthon Orr.	St. Paul.	Oct. 11, 1879	Dec. 31, 1900	Triune.	190	Minn.
348	George William Henry Gilbert.	St. Paul.	Aug. 31, 1863	Jan. 22, 1901	St. Paul.	3	Minn.
349	Frederick Eugene Kenaston.	Minneapolis.	April 27, 1872	Jan. 22, 1901	Albert Pike.	237	Minn.
350	Paul Swenson.	Hopkins.	Dec. 7, 1876	Jan. 22, 1901	Fountain.	26	Wis.
351	Walter Gregory.	Minneapolis.	Aug. 26, 1864	Jan. 22, 1901	Battle Creek.	12	Mich.
352	Silas Howell Towler.	Minneapolis.	Feb. 20, 1869	Jan. 22, 1901	Pythagoras.	20	Ohio.
353	Charles Henry Booth.	Minneapolis.	Oct. 16, 1869	Jan. 22, 1901	Corinthian.	67	Minn.
354	Edward Livingston Brackett.	Farmington.	April 19, 1870	Jan. 22, 1901	Sandstone.	284	Minn.
355	William Aiken.	Sandstone.	Feb. 24, 1875	Jan. 22, 1901	Albert Pike.	237	Minn.
356	Melancthon Lewis Strong.	Minneapolis.	Feb. 17, 1863	Jan. 22, 1901	Quarry.	148	Minn.
357	William Jesse Taylor.	Pipestone.	Jan. 17, 1867	Jan. 22, 1901	St. Croix.	35	Wis.
358	Moses Edwin Clapp.	St. Paul.	April 9, 1873	Jan. 22, 1901	Mount Moriah.	35	Minn.
359	Peter Fort Countryman.	St. Paul.	Dec. 9, 1867	Jan. 22, 1901			

360	William Miner Murfin.....	Sleepy Eye.....	Dec. 17, 1866	Jan. 23, 1901	Key Stone.....	94	Minn.
361	George Arthur Reichard.....	Minneapolis.....	Dec. 5, 1879	Jan. 23, 1901	Arcana.....	187	Minn.
362	Frank Herbert Ring.....	Minneapolis.....	Oct. 6, 1873	Jan. 23, 1901	Arcana.....	187	Minn.
363	James N. Castle.....	Stillwater.....	June 5, 1865	Jan. 23, 1901	St. Johns.....	1	Minn.
364	Robert Crawford Wiley.....	Redlands, Cal.....	Sept. 21, 1884	Jan. 23, 1901	Arcana.....	5	Minn.
365	Albert Henry Nash.....	Hopkins.....	May 21, 1879	Jan. 23, 1901	Arcana.....	237	Minn.
366	Roscoe Farmley Pratt.....	Minneapolis.....	Nov. 25, 1872	Jan. 23, 1901	Albert Pike.....	176	Minn.
367	Lorenzo Dow Day.....	Minneapolis.....	Nov. 25, 1872	Jan. 23, 1901	Arcana.....	19	Minn.
368	William Washington McPherson.....	Stillwater.....	McPh. 20, 1871	Feb. 16, 1901	St. Johns.....	1	Minn.

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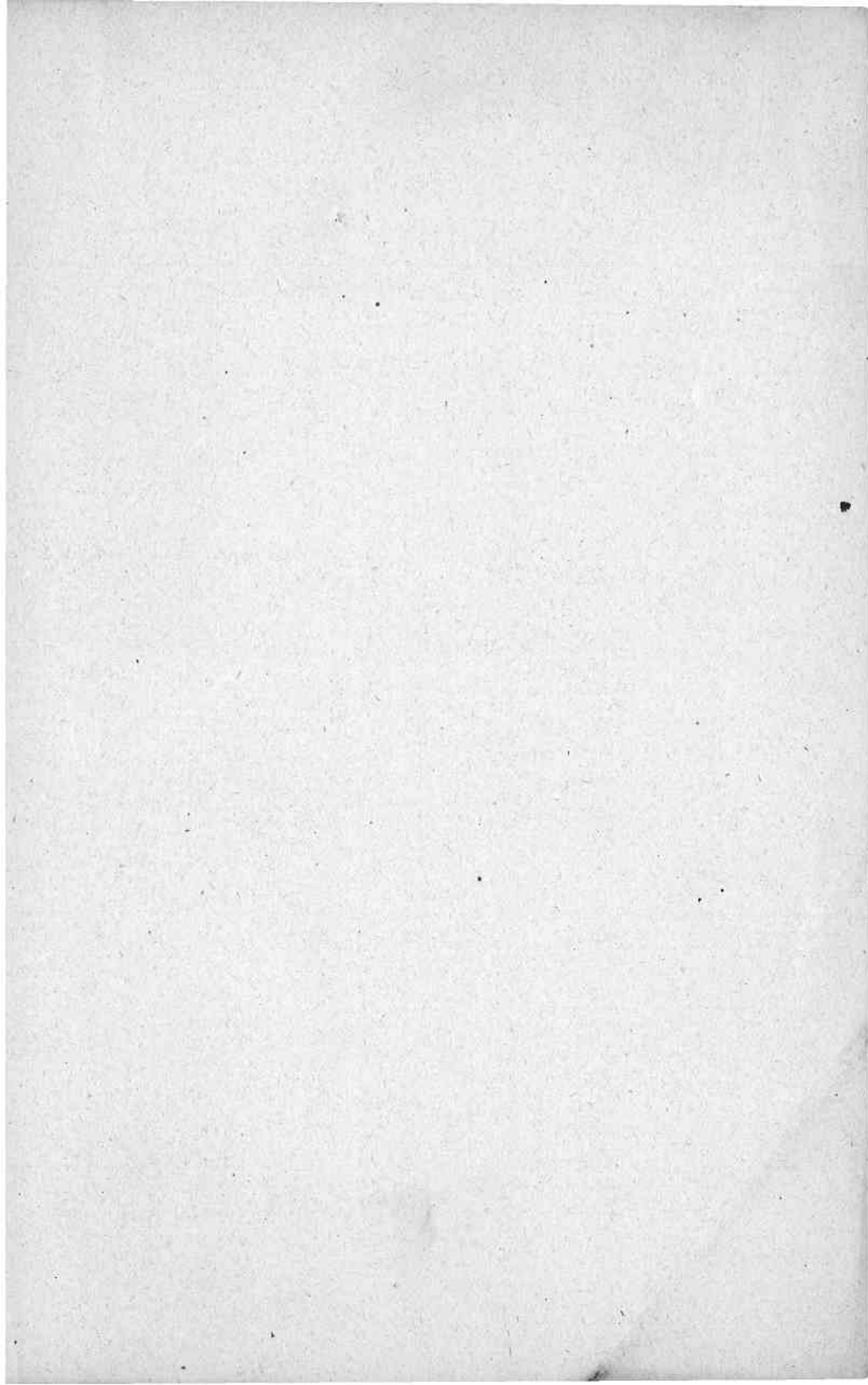
Certifi- cate No.	NAMES AND RANK.		RESIDENCE.	Date Made Master Mason.	Date of Election to Membership in M. V. A.	MEMBERSHIP IN	
						Lodge.	No. State.
1	Henry R. Wells, P. G. M. (a)		Preston, Minn.	Feb. 21, 1893	Dec. 8, 1892	Preston.....	36 Minn.
2	Royal Hatch Cove, P. G. M.		Rochester, Minn.	July 1, 1893	Jan. 17, 1893	Rochester.....	21 Minn.
3	William Lee, P. J. G. W. (b)		Hastings, Minn.	Sept. 6, 1895	Jan. 11, 1893	Mount Moriah.....	35 Minn.
4	George Henry Davis, P. G. M., Idaho.		Mankato, Minn.	March 3, 1893	Jan. 12, 1893	Aurora.....	100 Minn.
5	Henry R. Davis, P. G. M., (a)		St. Paul, Minn.	Sept. 8, 1893	Jan. 12, 1893	Carver.....	111 Minn.
6	Philo Patterson, Hubbard		Winona, Minn.	May 21, 1893	Jan. 12, 1893	Winona.....	18 Minn.
7	John Corson Smith, P. G. M. (c)		Chicago, Ill.	May 21, 1893	March 3, 1893	Miners.....	273 Ill.
8	Theodore Sutton Parvin, C. Sec., P. G. M. (c)		Cedar Rapids, Io.	May 15, 1893	March 3, 1893	Iowa.....	32 Ia.
9	Josiah Hayes Bell, P. G. M. (c)		Portland, Me.	Jan. 15, 1894	March 3, 1893	Waterville.....	33 Me.
10	John James Bell, P. G. M. (c)		Exeter, N. H.	Dec. 27, 1894	March 3, 1893	Star in the East.....	59 N. H.
11	George William Speth, P. M. (c)		London, Eng.	Mch. 27, 1872	March 3, 1893	Quatuor Coronati.....	2076 Eng.
12	Francis Ashbury Blades (c)		Detroit, Mich.	Mch. 27, 1872	March 3, 1893	Kilwinning.....	297 Mich.
13	Edwin Allen Sherman (c)		Oakland, Cal.	Mch. 27, 1872	March 3, 1893	Oakland.....	188 Cal.
14	Charles Griswold, P. G. M. (a)		St. Paul, Minn.	June 6, 1894	Jan. 11, 1894	St. Paul.....	3 Minn.
15	Jacob A. Kieffer, P. G. M.		Blue Earth C'y, Minn.	May 17, 1873	June 4, 1894	Blue Earth City.....	57 Minn.
16	Thomas Jefferson Lombard, P. S. G. W. (a)		Hudson, Wis.	Dec. 10, 1891	Jan. 15, 1895	King Solomon.....	44 Minn.
17	Daniel Sickels (c)		Brooklyn, N. Y.	May 19, 1894	Jan. 16, 1895	Aurora Grata.....	736 N. Y.
18	William Wallace Lee, P. G. M. (c)		Meriden, Conn.	Sept. 1, 1895	Jan. 16, 1895	Meridian.....	77 Conn.
19	Mannuel Ruiz Inza* (c)		Havana, Cuba	April 5, 1895	Jan. 17, 1895	Amor Fraternal.....	5 Cuba.
20	Dewitt Clinton Greiger, P. G. M. *		Chicago, Ill.	—	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney.....	271 Ill.
21	Benjamin Franklin Chase*		Chicago, Ill.	—	Jan. 17, 1895	Blaney.....	271 Ill.
22	Henry Augustus Denny*		San Francisco, Cal.	Dec. 14, 1894	Mch. 23, 1895	Henry S. Baird.....	211 Wis.
23	Amasa H. Nichols (c)		Hyde Park, Mass.	Sept. 8, 1894	Jan. 15, 1896	Morning Star.....	Mass.
24	Theophilus Pratt (c)		New York, N. Y.	June 30, 1893	Jan. 15, 1896	Acanthus.....	719 N. Y.
25	James Alexander Garver (b)		Dodge Center, Minn.	April 23, 1891	Jan. 15, 1896	Alma.....	728 N. Y.
26	Charles Thomas Stearns*		New Orleans, La.	Sept. 4, 1892	Jan. 15, 1897	Relief.....	108 Minn.
27	William James Hughan (c)		Torquay, England	April 8, 1892	Jan. 12, 1898	Quatuor Coronati.....	3076 Eng.
28	Linsey McKee (b)		Rush City, Minn.	July 14, 1893	Jan. 12, 1898	Jasper.....	164 Minn.
29	Charles Pendelow (c)		Waverhampton, Eng.	Dec. 7, 1893	Jan. 11, 1899	Mary's Chapel.....	1 Scot.
30	Ferdinand Fritz Schmitzer (c)		New Castle on Tyne, Eng.	May 24, 1895	Jan. 11, 1899	De Loraine.....	541 Eng.
31	Francisco de Paula Rodriguez (c)		Havana, Cuba	April 23, 1872	Jan. 17, 1899	Hijos de la Viuda.....	7 Cuba.
32	William McMurdo (c)		Motherwell, Scot.	Dec. 7, 1878	Dec. 17, 1900	St. John Woodhall.....	305 Scot.
33	James Cameron (c)		Hamilton, Scot.	May 4, 1897	Jan. 17, 1900	St. John's.....	7 Scot.
34	Henry Dyer (c)		Motherwell, Scot.	March 6, 1875	Jan. 17, 1900	Livingson St. Andrews.....	573 Scot.
35	John Wadlin Miller.		Duluth, Minn.	Aug. 1, 1874	Jan. 17, 1900	Ionic.....	186 Minn.
36	John Wadlin Miller.		Duluth, Minn.	Mch. —, 1890	Jan. 22, 1901	Ionic.....	186 Minn.

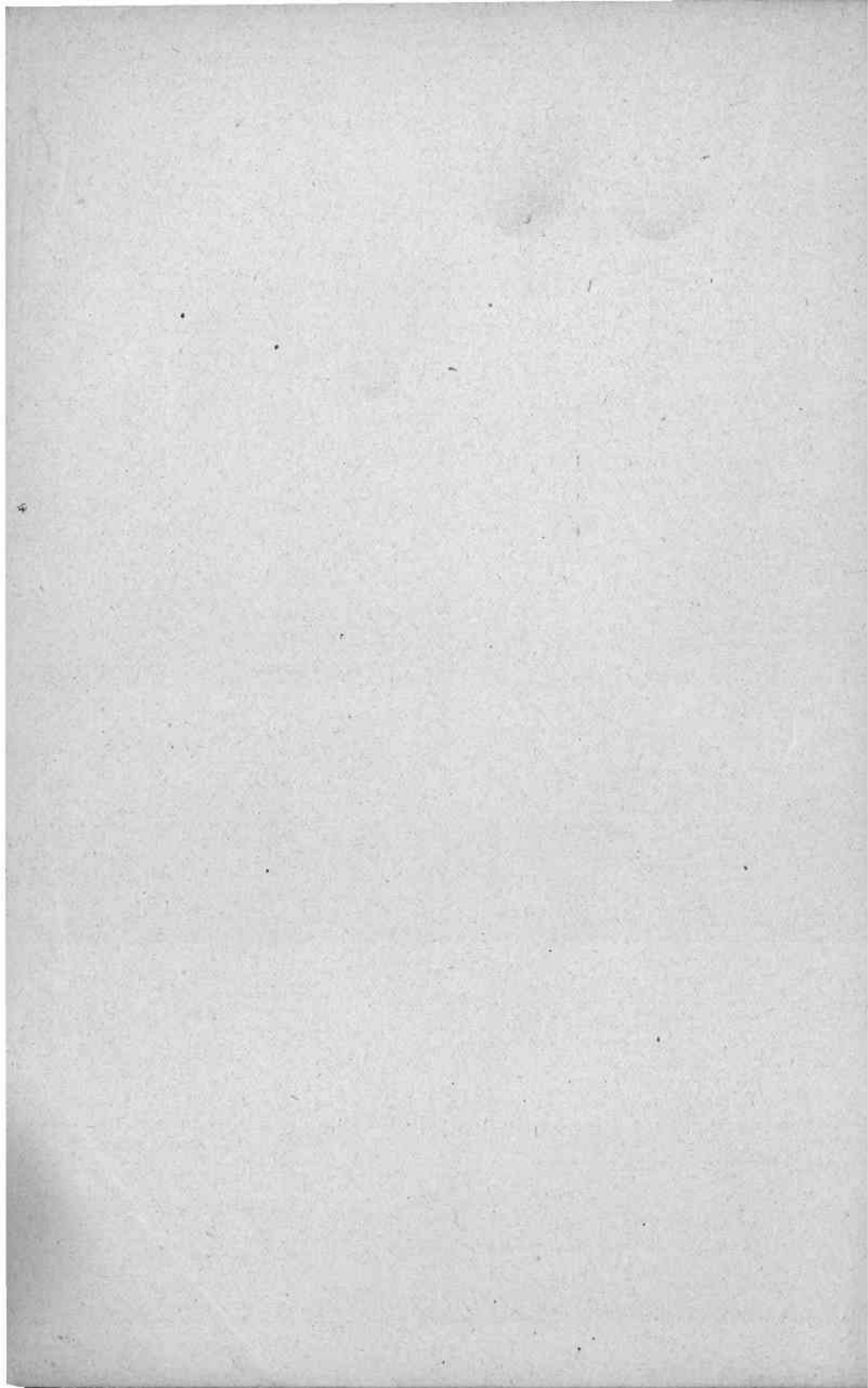
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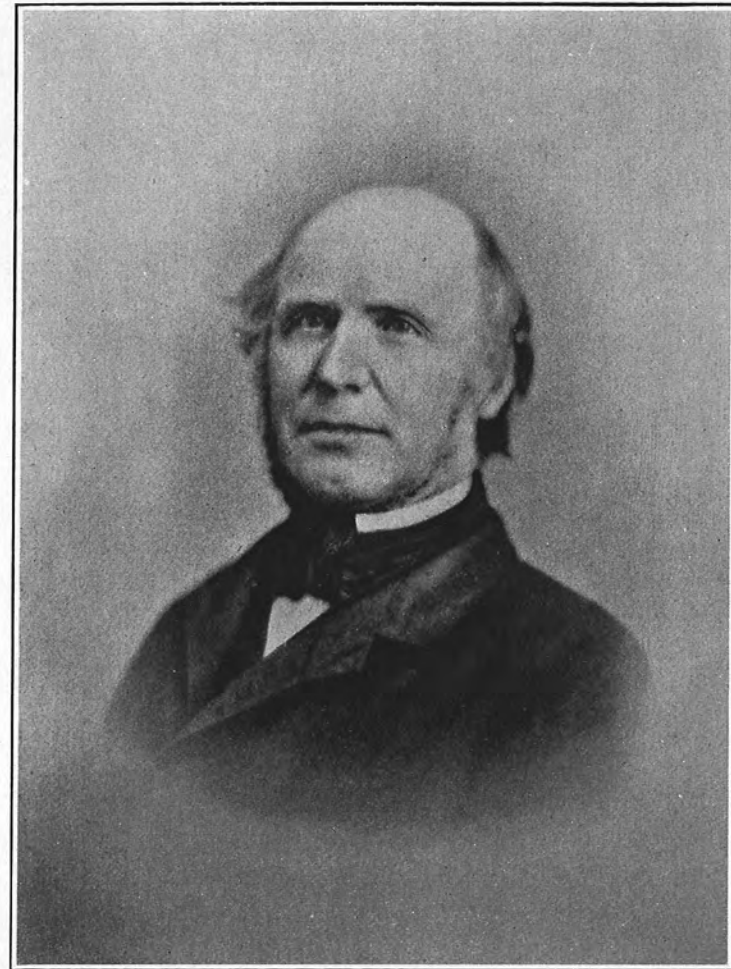
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THOMAS MONTGOMERY...	St. Paul.....	R.. W.. Grand Secretary.
WILLIAM P. ROBERTS...	Minneapolis.....	W.. Grand Orator.
EZRA B. CHASE.....	Lake City.....	W.. Grand Chaplain.
HENRY M. TUSLER.....	St. Paul.....	W.. Senior Grand Deacon.
FRED B. WOOD.....	Austin.....	W.. Junior Grand Deacon.
JOHN H. SPROUT.....	Blue Earth.....	W.. Grand Marshal.
LUCIEN A. BARNES.....	West Duluth.....	W.. Grand Standard Bearer.
CLARK KEYSOR.....	Mankato.....	W.. Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN C. MUNRO.....	St. Cloud.....	W.. Senior Grand Steward.
WILLIAM C. MASTERMAN..	Stillwater.....	W.. Junior Grand Steward.
EDWIN H. FOOT.....	Red Wing.....	W.. Grand Pursuivant.
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